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Fahd returns

TAIF, Sept. 25 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd returned here Thursday night from Europe. He was welcomed by Prince Musaed bin Abdul Rahman, Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, Prince Sultan, defense and civil aviation minister, Prince Naif, interior minister and number of princes and senior government officials.

While in Europe Prince Fahd held talks with King Hassan of Morocco; President Francois Mitterrand of France; Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, Britain's prime minister, and Alexander Haig, the U.S. secretary of state.

The talks centered on exchanging viewpoints about a number of world issues led by the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Palestine problem.

U.S. moves fail to boost share marts

LONDON, Sept. 25 (R) — The battered London stock market resumed its slide Friday and most other world share markets also fell as President Reagan's budget cuts failed to boost business confidence in his economic policies.

Analysts said the proposal on saving \$16 billion through spending cuts and tax reforms announced by the president Thursday night was generally expected and were not enough to dispel the gloom in stock markets over two days of sharp falls.

They said the U.S. president was still facing large 1982 budget deficit even if he succeeds in steering his cuts through the heavy opposition expected in Congress.

Most markets reacted cautiously amid business doubts that the Reagan cuts can be hived off that high U.S. interest rates can be brought down significantly before the end of next year.

A sharp slide that began Wednesday on the London stock exchange resumed Friday with the *Financial Times* index falling six points to 43.1 in the first three hours of trading. The index fell 38 points in the previous two days, before a late rally Thursday pushed it up 12 points, cutting the loss on the day to 5.7.

The market has declined more than 110 points from its record 597 reached last April and some stockbrokers said they still expected a further fall before a steep slide leads to significant buying of historically cheap shares. London stockbroker Laurie Wilkman said that Reagan package showed the U.S. faced similar economic problems to Britain where the government has found difficult to control the money supply, stem inflation and hold down interest rates.

The dollar received a boost on foreign exchange markets because of expectations at U.S. interest rates will remain high for some time as Reagan battles to push through budget cuts and large government borrowing continues. In London, it rose to 2.50 West German marks from 2.3150 at Tuesday's close and to 5.57 French francs at 5.5375.

Stock markets in Sydney and Melbourne sharply Friday in what dealers described as a lukewarm reaction to Reagan. The Tokyo stock market also plunged in nearly a day, losing almost 124 points in the first hour, but recovered to close at 7,363, just one point down. Dealers said the recovery came as investors felt the market had fallen to lower limit.

But in Hong Kong, the Hang Seng index, which had fallen 25 percent since mid-July 150 points this week, recovered and moved 28 points to close at 1,351. Dealers noted buying pressure throughout the day and a feeling that the market may have reached its lower limit.

European stock markets, which have not opened as steeply as London, also fell Friday what dealers called a reaction to this week's losses on world stock values.

Markets in Paris and Amsterdam fell in trading and some steep losses were reported in Frankfurt. Wall Street closed 40 points down before Reagan's speech.

Will visit Syria, Jordan Abdullah in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Sept. 25 (SPA) — Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, held a second meeting Friday night with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. Prince Abdullah arrived here Friday on the first leg of a tour which also takes him to Syria and Jordan.

The meeting was attended by Sheikh Abdul Aziz Abdul Mohsen Al Tuwejri, deputy commander of the National Guard, and on the Iraqi side by Taha Yassin, first vice-president and member of the ruling Revolutionary Command Council; Saddam Shaker, interior minister; and Tareq Hassan Alabdullah, head of the Iraqi presidency council. The first meeting was held earlier in the afternoon. In a statement after the first

meeting Prince Abdullah said that he conveyed King Khaled's greetings to President Saddam Hussein and the brotherly Iraqi people.

He added that his talks in Baghdad dealt with bilateral relations and Arab developments. He added that Iraqi and Saudi Arabian viewpoints on matters discussed were identical.

Prince Abdullah said he will also hold talks with Jordan's King Hussein and Syrian President Hafiz Assad. He said the meetings with the Arab leaders will cover bilateral relations, Arab solidarity, the Palestinian question and current situation in Lebanon.

A military and civilian delegation is accompanying the prince on his visit.

Reagan moots \$13b cut

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan asked Congress on Thursday night to cut spending an additional \$13 billion next year and to raise \$3 billion more in taxes to lift the nation from its "economic swamp" and point the budget toward balance in 1984.

The president said the added tax revenues can be derived through eliminating certain "abuses and obsolete incentives" in the law.

"We are just starting down a road that I believe will lead us out of the economic swamp we've been in for so long," the president told the nation in an address broadcast nationwide at 9 p.m. local time (0100 Friday GMT). "The important thing now is to hold to a firm, steady, course."

Reagan's aides said his plan would hold the deficit to \$43.1 billion in fiscal 1982, which begins Oct. 1. He said he would cut the federal workforce, except the Pentagon, by 75,000 workers, and request Congress to abolish the departments of energy and education, fulfilling a campaign promise.

"I know that we are asking for sacrifices from virtually all of you," he said. "But there is no alternative." He called for a 12 percent across-the-board cut in domestic programs, other than those "entitlement" benefits to individuals, such as pensions, prescribed by law. Exemptions were also granted to certain veterans, immigration and law-enforcement programs.

"I know that high interest rates are punish-

ing many of you — from the young family that wants to buy its first home to the farmer who needs a new truck or tractor. But all of us know that interest rates will only come down and stay down when government is no longer borrowing huge amounts of money to cover its deficits," he said.

Meanwhile, the additional \$13 billion in budget cuts seemed to have done little to appease worried Wall Street money men, while congressmen predicted the proposals would run into difficulties in the house.

"Wall Street wasn't expecting very much and that's what they got," said Michael Metz, vice-president of the Oppenheimer and Co. investment firm. "In a word it's a disappointment," Metz said. "There were no new specific proposals to cut spending."

Reacting to the proposed cuts, politicians from Reagan's own Republican Party in Washington expressed pessimism that the cuts would be approved.

"I don't think we can get the cuts," said Republican Whip Ted Stevens, in charge of party voting discipline in the Senate. "It would be very difficult to do."

Jim Wright, Democratic Party majority leader in the House of Representatives, said Reagan's plans were filled with contradictions. "You simply cannot have the largest peacekeeping (military) budget in the history of your country and the largest tax cut and a balanced budget at the same time," Wright said. "That defies the laws of mathematics."

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Mrs. Thatcher visits Bahrain

MANAMA, Sept. 25 (AP) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher arrived here Friday on what diplomatic sources deemed "more than just a courtesy visit" — a bid to restore ramshackle Arab-West bridges.

She visited Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states last April, but on account of a tight schedule, had to skip Bahrain and Kuwait.

Meanwhile, Queen Elizabeth II was to make a 90-minute stopover in Abu Dhabi before midnight on her way to Australia. The United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan was preparing a red carpet welcome for the queen, who was to confer with him on undisclosed topics at Abu Dhabi Airport.

Western European diplomatic sources here noted the sharp contrast between Britain's Arab policy and that of the United States toward the countries of the region. While Americans were reluctant to sell weapons to Gulf states, because of Israeli lobbying, Britain has been offering to arm and aid the Arabs.

Yet a number of Arab newspapers along the region have viewed Britain's Gulf policy with suspicion. Less than 24 hours before Thatcher's arrival in Bahrain, the Kuwaiti newspaper *Al-Qabas* dubbed Britain an "old venomous serpent that bites surreptitiously." "America is not any different from Britain in anti-Arab bias," said the paper. "While the Americans are straightforward in their bias, the British are devious in practicing the same against us."

Talks with Bahraini Prime Minister, Sheikh Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, were to examine what Britain can do to safeguard Gulf security, resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict, enhance Arab-EEC cooperation and upgrade trade ties with the Gulf states.

Thatcher was expected to review with Sheikh Khalifa the eight-point Mideast peace blueprint issued last month by Crown Prince Fahd.

The blueprint, endorsed by the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council earlier this month has been gaining wide support in Western capitals and the Arab world, including the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). Tass gave no details of Shamir's comments.

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30,000 Polish miners go on strike

WARSAW, Sept. 25 (AFP) — About 30,000 miners have gone on strike in the Kowice, southern Poland, region in protest against the arrest Wednesday of a union official, a spokesman of the independent trade union Solidarity said.

Some miners stopped work Thursday and others followed suit Friday. The spokesman, representing the Sczygłowice mine at Knurów, said miners took offence at a recent television program dealing with the coalfields of the region.

He said that when the miners discovered that an executive of the formerly official branch trade union was responsible for the program, they took him to the mine by force

Khaled honors Mitterrand

Official talks open tomorrow

TAIF, Sept. 25 (Agencies) — President Francois Mitterrand arrives here Saturday on a three-day official visit being billed by French authorities as a further step in the search for peace in the Middle East.

Though a number of bilateral and international issues will be discussed during meetings with the Kingdom's officials, most of the details will be handled by the large delegation of ministers and lower-ranking officials accompanying the president. Mitterrand will concentrate on major policy matters.

Mitterrand's defeat of President Valery Giscard d'Estaing in last spring's elections marked a turn in French Mideast policy. The new Socialist president has contacts with Israeli leaders. Presidential spokesman Michel Vauzelle, briefing reporters on the Saudi Arabian visit, said Mitterrand's friendship for Israel has been recognized by the Kingdom as an advantage, rather than a handicap in Mideast peace efforts.

Mitterrand plans to travel Israel in early January, the first such visit by a French president. The presidential trip will be preceded in December with a visit by External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson.

Mitterrand has already met with King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd in Paris earlier this year. Vauzelle said the French consider the peace plan proposed by Saudi Arabia last month an important contribu-

Freeze prices, Yamani says

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Gromyko meets Shamir

MOSCOW, Sept. 25 (Agencies) — The Soviet and Israeli foreign ministers have met at the United Nations in the first government-level contact between the two countries for six years. Tass news agency reported Friday.

The meeting between Andrei Gromyko and Yitzhak Shamir took place at Israel's request Thursday night and covered prospects for a Middle East settlement, Tass said. Gromyko told Shamir Israel's present policies toward the Arabs and the Palestinians were short-sighted, the agency said. It added that he urged Israel to agree to an international Middle East peace conference which would also involve the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO). Tass gave no details of Shamir's comments.

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END OF THE DRAMA: The Armenian (right) gives to the smiling hostage the weapons belonging to the commando to have them handed over to the French police early Friday morning ending a 15-hour-long drama. The terrorists, claiming to belong to the secret Armenian Army, had Thursday morning attacked the Turkish consulate in Paris killing a security guard.

terrorists then left the building and were whisked away in a police car.

Michel Guyot, head of criminal police, said after the surrender that 58 to 60 hostages were involved, after earlier police statements that there were only 25. A police official said the long negotiations were very difficult, complicated by a series of demonstrations outside police barricades by Turkish and Armenian sympathizers.

Police closed off the entire area around the consulate to the public, allowing only reporters to get close to the scene but keeping them behind a barricade across the street. The wide, usually noisy Boulevard in front of the consulate was deserted and quiet as the stoplights in the middle of the road continued their steady flashing of green, yellow, red.

Shortly after 8 p.m., a noisy crowd of Turks gathered at the west end of the street shouting "Shoot them, shoot them," and "Turkey, Turkey." Later a crowd of Armenians gathered at the barricades on the east end and began shouting. Some of the Turks later went to the Armenian side and a number of fights broke out.

and demanded an explanation, then expelled him from the mine in a wheelbarrow.

The spokesman said the president of the local branch of Solidarity was arrested the next day.

The mine's 7,500 workers, 6,800 of whom belong to are Solidarity, have since downed tools and the strike action has spread to the neighboring mines. The strikers were demanding the release of Arend, and the local Solidarity leadership has said it would vouch for him in court.

The strikers also demanded that the local press carry an objective report of the dispute, and that the controversial television program be canceled.

Arafat leaves for Syria

JEDDAH, Sept. 25 (SPA) — Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Yasser Arafat, left here Friday for Damascus after a one day's visit — Arafat, who arrived here Thursday, attended a meeting of the World Muslim League in Makkah. (Related story on page 3).

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GOSI official explains

Disabled may get special insurance

By a Staff Writer
JEDDAH, Sept. 25 — There are many ways in which a foreign worker can receive his social insurance benefits quickly, according to the Deputy Governor of the General Organization of Social Insurance (GOSI) Sultan Al-Humaid.

"For example," he said, "while an employee would normally have to work 20 years to receive 40 percent of his monthly salary, he could receive the same amount after only two and a half years if he suffered a non-occupational disability."

Speaking to *Saudi Business* Saturday Humaid said though at the present income for outstrips payments, GOSI is already making payments to expatriates in 30 countries. They are often ignorant of what GOSI will do for them. The following actual inquiry, published by GOSI's quarterly newsletter is typical:

"I will have contributed for two years to GOSI when I leave the Kingdom. Could you please tell me what benefit I can expect from these payments?"

The reply: "Under the Saudi Arabian social insurance scheme, an insured person

who has not completed the period qualifying for pension will still be entitled to a refund of his own contributions plus five percent of the total amount of such contribution, provided that he has not contributed for less than 12 months.

"The lump-sum payment will only be made to the insured person if he attains the age of 60 Hijra calendar years (that is about 58 and two months according to Gregorian calendar) and has not been employed in a job subject to the Saudi Arabian Social Insurance Law for at least six consecutive months.

"Therefore, when you plan to leave the Kingdom for good, make sure that you have got your Social Insurance Card in order to apply to the appropriate field office or Overseas Benefits Department at our headquarters as soon as you satisfy the foregoing conditions."

According to the Social Insurance Law, the qualification period is either 180 months or 120, if 36 of the 120 fall within the five years preceding the application for annuity.

Humaid added that the requirement of attaining age 60 prevents GOSI from simply acting like a bank. "This is not a savings account that you pay today and take it tomorrow. It's supposed to help (the worker) when he's retired or disabled."

According to Humaid, GOSI at present receives contributions of about SR120 million every month, with the worker contributing five percent of his salary and the employer the equivalent of eight percent.

GOSI is intended to have two broad categories of benefits. The first, annuities, includes payments for retirement, non-occupational disability, and in special cases, lump-sum payments. This branch is being implemented. The second branch, which Humaid said he hopes will be implemented in 12 to 18 months, is occupational hazards. This will cover sickness or disability related to the job-site.

Khaled receives more greetings on National Day

TAIF, Sept. 25 (SPA) — King Khaled received more cables of congratulations on the occasion of the Kingdom's National Day, Wednesday, from leaders of friendly countries who wished him good health and further progress and prosperity for the Saudi Arabian people.

In reply to the felicitation, messages, King Khaled sent reply cables expressing his appreciation to the heads of states, of their good wishes.

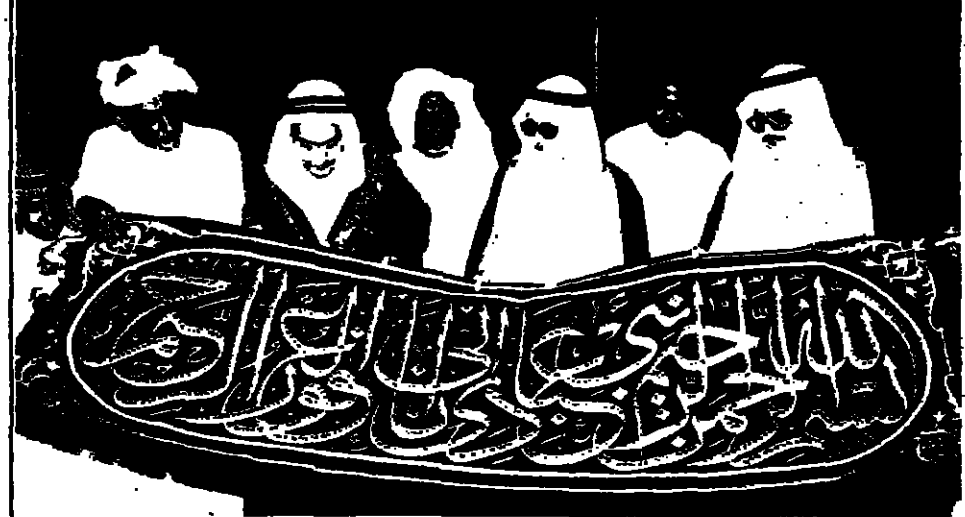
The King received cables from President Ali Nasser Muhammad of the Democratic Republic of Yemen, President Elias Sarkis of Lebanon, President Spyros Kyprianou of Cyprus, President Junius Jayewardene of Sri Lanka, President Francois Mitterrand of France, President Erich Honecker of the German Democratic Republic and President Rudolf Kirchschlaeger of Austria.

Mayor doubles efforts to keep Jeddah cleaner

JEDDAH, Sept. 25 — Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi has called for mobilizing a greater number of workers and machines to keep the city clean during the current pilgrimage season. It was reported by municipal sources Thursday.

The sources told *Okaz* daily that the mayor's instructions came during an extraordinary meeting of the coordination committee to which he called. He was reported to have blamed the present consulting company for the shortcomings in the city's cleanliness.

Meantime, it was revealed that the municipality has awarded a foreign company a five-year contract for the cleaning of the city. The company will start operating in few months.



KAABA COVER: Pilgrimage and Endowments Minister Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasil (center) handed over the cover of the Holy Kaaba and its key to the Kaaba Custodian Sheikh Taha Shehhi (left) Thursday at a ceremony held on the occasion. The function was held at the factory which annually produces the Kaaba cover. The new cover has cost SR7 million and was completed in 11 months. The factory employs 180 Saudi Arabian calligraphers and administrators.

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Asr (Afternoon)	3:36	3:38	3:10	2:57	3:21	3:51
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:14	6:15	5:46	5:33	5:57	6:27
Isha (Night)	7:44	7:45	7:16	7:03	7:27	7:57

Ministry welcomes private hospitals

JEDDAH, Sept. 25 — Citizens are at liberty to build and operate clinic and hospitals with government aid once their plans have been approved according to Dr. Hamad Abdullah Al-Sugair, deputy minister of health.

This enterprise is not confined to doctors he told *Okaz* Friday and provided that the ministry approves of the plan, the owner will be entitled to a ministry loan payable without

interest over a ten-year period.

Al-Sugair said the ministry has fixed the cost of various hospital services which must be prominently displayed at the entrance of privately-owned hospitals.

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Assaf attends Sanaa airport expansion project ceremony

SANAA, Sept. 25 (SPA) — Civil Aviation President Sheikh Nasser Al-Assaf attended here Friday a ceremony during which North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh unveiled a commemorative plaque for Sanaa international airport expansion project.

Assaf arrived here Thursday on a few days' visit at the invitation of the Yemeni Civil Aviation and Meteorology corporation. The project, to be financed by the Kingdom, has been approved recently by the Saudi Arabian-Yemeni Joint Coordination Council during its meeting in Jeddah.

The project includes the extension of the main runway to four kilometers along with a parallel taxiway enabling the airport to receive jumbo jets. The airport's aprons will be expanded so as to accommodate 10 jumbos at the same time, in addition to the construction of an air freight building.

Under the project also comes the supply of automatic landing devices, building a workshop, central storehouses and expanding and reinforcing the power supply at the airport. Eighty Yemeni students are studying in Saudi Arabian universities on scholarships. The students, specializing in engineering, meteorology, air control and radio communications, will form a competent national team to operate the newly introduced advanced equipment.

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Arafat briefs MWL on Palestine, Jerusalem

MAKKAH, Sept. 25 (SPA) — The Muslim World League held an extraordinary meeting here Thursday night in which Yasser Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, talked about the Palestinian question and the latest situation in occupied land.

Arafat, who had arrived in Jeddah earlier in the evening addressed the meeting of the league and briefed the members about Israeli occupation and the plight of the holy city of Jerusalem.

The Chairman of the Constituent Assembly of the league Sheikh Abdul Aziz Ibn Baz welcomed Arafat and affirmed the league's concern and declared that Palestine was the foremost Islamic question and deserved the full attention of the Muslims worldwide. He called for a holy struggle, Jihad, to liberate it from Zionist control.

Arafat answered by thanking the league for its invitation and commended the resolutions of the Makkah Islamic summit conference earlier this year which called for a con-

certed Muslim effort to regain the occupied city and Palestine. He also highlighted the generous and consistent aid given by the Kingdom to the Palestinian liberation movement against a well-entrenched and savage enemy.

A member of the council Sheikh Abdullah Ibn Humaid praised the struggle of the Palestinian people for the restoration of their country and urged all the Muslims to unite and help in the liberation struggle.

Later on the council ended its current conference during which it discussed a number of issues of Islamic interest and the position of Muslim minorities in various parts of the world. Shikh Ibn Baz said the conference had achieved a great deal and that it was its duty to offer advice to those in charge of the government and the general public for the welfare of Muslims everywhere.

Secretary General Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al Harakan thanked Sheikh Ibn Baz for his efforts to make the conference a success.

Guinea supports Fahd's peace plan

JEDDAH, Sept. 25 (SPA) — The government of Guinea fully supported the eight-point plan for peace in the Middle East as advocated by Crown Prince Fahd last month, according to the Guinean Prime Minister Lansana Beavoqui who is visiting the country to perform the pilgrimage.

Speaking Friday Beavoqui said the plan

was objective and represented a good foundation for the just and comprehensive solution of the Middle East question. He said that President Ahmad Sekou Toure had sent cable to King Khaled expressing his support for the Saudi Arabian initiative and hoping that it would win greater international support after ensuring the approval of the Arab and Islamic states.

Traffic police bag 700 motorbikes

JEDDAH, Sept. 25 — Motorcyclist in this country must respect four basic rules if they are to avoid paying fines and other penalties, according to the traffic department here.

Lt. Col. Assad Abdul Karim, traffic director, said motorcyclist must possess a driving license, a valid residence permit, wear crash helmets and be over 18 years of age. They must also be able to drive and handle the machine very well.

Offenders will face fines and prison terms.

The fines range from SR300 to SR13,000 at times.

Speaking to Saudi Business Saturday he said the drive launched last week against law-breaking motorcyclists netted 700 machines because their owners were found without adequate papers.

Capt. Abdullah Ragaban, controller of traffic, said that the police will step up surprise checks through road blocks. They will also stop damaged cars and fine drivers unless they produce valid explanations for the dents. He said police patrol cars will be even more vigilant during the current pilgrimage season.



ARRIVAL: PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat arrived in Jeddah Thursday night. Picture shows (left to right) Royal Protocol Office Director Abdul Aziz Jukhdar, Arafat, Jeddah Commissioner Abdul Rahman Al-Sudri and Muslim World League Assistant Secretary General Muhammad Safwat Al-Saqqah.

5,100 pilgrims from Palestine to perform Hajj

AMMAN, Sept. 25 (R) — A first group of Jordanian pilgrims left for Makkah Wednesday accompanied by a 40-member medical team. A total of 25,000 Palestinian and Jordanian pilgrims will perform the pilgrimage this year, including 3,000 from the Gaza Strip and another 2,100 from lands occupied by Israel before 1948, a spokesman from the Ministry of Awqaf (Islamic endowment) in Amman said.

Last year, about 30,000 pilgrims accomplished the pilgrimage. Ministry sources said the decrease in the number this year was due to lack of transport to Makkah. To ease the transport problem, the ministry of awqaf and Islamic affairs has given priority to Muslims performing the pilgrimage for the first time.

Minister visits centers

JEDDAH, Sept. 25 (SPA) — Pilgrimage and Endowments Minister Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasie visited pilgrims centers in Makkah Wednesday to inspect their activities. The visit included the Taneim center which receives pilgrims arriving from Madinah and Ummul Ioud, and another located on the Jeddah to Makkah expressway. The minister instructed officials in charge of the two centers to facilitate procedures for the comfort of pilgrims.

Makkah gets 5 parking lots

TAIF, Sept. 25 (SPA) — The five parking lots developed in Makkah and holy places by the Communication Ministry cost SR163 million, according to the minister, Sheikh Hussein Mansouri, Friday.

He said that maintenance and expansion of the roads between Makkah and Mina, Arafat and Muzdalifa cost SR920 million in all. Now these roads have become expressways facilitating access to Makkah for pilgrims who come from the eastern and southern parts of the Kingdom. The projects also include the Taif to Makkah expressway.

The minister said teams with the necessary equipment will be stationed in the roads and expressways to repair any faults on the spot.

According to the authority responsible for public transportation, the ministry has coor-

dated with the Saudi Arabian Public Transport Company (SAFTCO) to play a major role in the transportation of pilgrims in the holy places, Makkah, Madinah, Taif and Jeddah. The company was requested to reinforce its services to do the job during pilgrimage season effectively, Mansouri said.

He added that 150 SAFTCO buses will be deployed for the pilgrims during this year. Under the directives of King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd, the ministry has completed this year the Jeddah to Makkah expressway which cost about SR477 million.

Mansouri added that the ministry has also issued a tender for building two roads with the same specifications between Makkah and Madinah and Madinah and Jeddah.

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New rules against opposition

Sadat installs police in all universities

CAIRO, Sept. 25 (AP) — The Egyptian government has issued a set of firm regulations affecting universities, government ministries and public-sector industries and facilities to combat opposition to the government.

Israel army chief to visit Egypt

TEL AVIV, Sept. 25 (AP) — Israeli Armed Forces Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Rafael Eitan is to visit Egypt early next month, the daily *Maariv* reported Friday, quoting Egyptian defense Minister Gen. Abdul Halim Abu Ghazala. The visit was canceled earlier this month after Egyptian President Anwar Sadat took exception to a remark Gen. Eitan had made.

A return visit is scheduled in December by the Egyptian army chief of staff, the minister said in an interview with the newspaper.

pus police in the country's 17 universities, creating supervising bodies in government institutions to report on the loopholes of day-to-day business and directives for bylaws whereby a worker would be temporarily suspended for "negligence," affecting his firm or factories production.

The announcement carried by the official Middle East News Agency came in the wake of sweeping arrests of more than 1,536 persons of various walks of life. Sadat said the move was necessary to contain opponents to his regime. The measures by the cabinet concerning the universities also banned the possession of arms or knives.

The regulations gave faculty chairmen and university deans a free hand to "punish" any student "indulging in party politics," and urged the university management to print text books at "reasonable prices." In the past two years, students opposed to the Camp David peace with Israel, generated heated political debates on campuses which has upset the government.

Sadat says

Israelis to quit Sinai before April

CAIRO, Sept. 25 (AP) — President Anwar Sadat Thursday said Israel will hand over to Egypt the remaining one-third of the Sinai peninsula, "before the April 1982 target date." He did not say exactly when.

Sadat made the comments during a closed-door meeting with the youth cadre of his ruling National Democratic Party, the government guided press said. His statements came as a joint Israeli-Egyptian military committee concluded talks here on the final stage on withdrawal and drew up detailed plans.

Under the Camp David peace accords, Israel is to hand over the remaining portion

of Sinai 25-26 April 1982. Other portions of Sinai were returned to Egypt since the signing of the peace pact in September 1978.

The official Middle East News Agency reported the Israeli side would begin pulling out equipment from that area as of October.

The zone, occupied by Israel along with the rest of Sinai, in 1967, includes two military airfields which will be transformed into international airports, the report said, adding that a third airport would be used for Egyptian domestic flights only.

Egyptian and Israeli officials of the military committee were not immediately reachable for comment.

Habre's forces retreat from Adre

KHARTOUM, Sept. 25 (AP) — Troops loyal to Chad's former Defense Minister Hissene Habre have retreated from the eastern border town of Adre after five days of heavy fighting against Libyan-backed government troops, the Sudanese news agency reported Thursday.

Eyewitness reports from the southern Sudanese town of Geneina, some 24 miles east of Adre, said about 500 Libyan soldiers along with 800-Chadian troops loyal to former Foreign Minister Ahmad Acyl had mounted the attack to recapture Adre. The troops were backed by 20 T-62 tanks and

eight rocket launchers, Suna quoted eyewitnesses as saying.

They added that Habre troops had destroyed four of the Soviet-made tanks, a helicopter, three jeeps and a personnel-carrier, the agency said. Libya interfered in the Chadian civil war last December, siding with Chadian President Goukouni Oueddei against Habre.

But in May of this year, Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi suddenly gave his full backing to Acyl, Goukouni's former ally, who is said to be totally loyal to the Libyan leader.

America said opposed to PLO seat in World Bank

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (R) — The United States is trying to block Arab efforts to gain observer status for Palestinians at the annual World Bank meeting, informed sources said Thursday.

The meeting of the bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) begins Tuesday. Libya, representing several Arab countries, asked the fund this month to review rulings which bar the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as observer.

The sources said the United States has countered with a proposal broadening the issue to include all attendance matters. Its intention was to divert attention from the PLO. "The U.S. move was done for protection and is purely a procedural step to give it maximum flexibility to deal with the PLO issue should Arab states press it," one source said. U.S. governments have opposed several Arab efforts to seat the PLO.

U.N. resolutions not effective, Rolandis says

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 25 (AP) — U.N. resolutions on Cyprus have "remained a dead letter" in the past year, Foreign Minister Rolandis of the Greek Cypriot government, told the General Assembly Thursday.

While U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim has been dedicated in seeking a peace agreement between Greek and Turkish Cypriots, Rolandis said, the results "have been trivial compared to the efforts exerted." The Cyprus issue is one of 134 items on the agenda of the current General Assembly.

"The just and correct remedial actions contained in past resolutions of this organization ... have unfortunately remained a dead letter, a dismal reminder of the fact that this international giant has the muscles of an infant on its executive arms," he said. Negotiations the past year, he said, have been a "12-month frustrating experience" while "the grip of the occupying forces has not become any looser."

In his annual report earlier this month Waldheim said intercommunal peace talks on the problem had entered a new stage with the latest territorial and constitutional proposals from the two sides. He said he may present "some new ideas."

Rolandis said his government was "considering meticulously" the possible initiative, indicating there had been some indication of its content.

For criticizing Sahara plan

3 Morocco opposition leaders jailed

RABAT, Sept. 25 (R) — Three leaders of Morocco's opposition Socialist Party were sent to prison for a year Thursday for criticizing government policy on Western Sahara.

Their party, the Socialist Union of People's Forces (USFP) issued a six-page declaration Sept. 5 expressing reservations about plans for a ceasefire and referendum in the territory.

Moroccan troops are fighting volunteers of the Algerian-backed Polisario Front in the former Spanish colony. The referendum plan was adopted by a special committee of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) in Nairobi during its last meeting.

The three men jailed Thursday are Abdurrahim Bouabid, the USFP first secretary, Muhammad Lyazghri, a member of parliament and director of the party's daily newspaper, *Al Mounarris*, and Muhammad Labbabi, a professor of economics. They were convicted of disturbing public order.

Muhammad Mansour member of parliament for Casablanca, was given a suspended two-year term, while a one-year suspended sentence was imposed on Habib Forkani, a journalist. The five men are members of the party's political bureau. They have 10 days to appeal against the sentences.

Bouabid, aged 61, a former deputy prime minister, founded the USFP in 1972. The trial followed the conviction of more than 190 militants of the party and its trade union over the last two months for their part in a general strike which led to bloody riots in Casablanca. The USFP had criticized the referendum and the OAU resolution which it said, created "an extremely grave situation" for Morocco, mainly because it proposed setting up an interim administration to organize and conduct the vote in Western Sahara.

The party expressed reservations about the

Arab League hails Canada's M.E. policy

OTTAWA, Sept. 25 (AP) — The Arab League office here says it hopes comments by External Affairs Minister Mark MacGuigan on a Middle East settlement are a sign of "new realism in Canada's foreign policy."

The league said Thursday it is encouraged by a MacGuigan statement at the United Nations this week calling for participation of all interested parties in a settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute.

MacGuigan reiterated that both Israelis and Palestinians have "legitimate rights and concerns which must be taken into account."

The league said the government again seem to consider the Palestinian problem the key issue in the conflict. The government has long held that all parties should be involved in a Middle East agreement. However, Ottawa has stopped short of officially recognizing the Palestine Liberation Organization as the sole legitimate voice of the Palestinian people.

OAU decision to allow all refugees to return to the area from neighboring countries like Algeria, Mauritania and Mali. It also expressed misgivings about the official view expressed, by King Hassan that the referendum would only confirm that people of Western Sahara want to be part of Morocco and would

refuse to vote for independence. The prosecution said during the trial that by expressing doubts about the king's interpretation of the OAU resolution, the USFP was guilty of disturbing public order and was challenging the highest authority in the Kingdom.



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Autonomy norms to be pondered

RO, Sept. 25 (AP) — American, Israeli and Egyptian negotiators set lower, more realistic goals for the long-stalled talks on autonomy for Palestinians in occupied lands today, agreeing to discuss "principles" of autonomy for the next four months.

The two-day talks in a hotel near the Pyramids, the three parties appeared to reach agreement on the main issues of President Anwar Sadat to suspend elections in August 1980. Under the David accords, "full autonomy" for Palestinian in the West Bank and Gaza Strip were to have been agreed by May 26, 1980. "The ministers establish their initial and immediate objectives, not excluding other avenues, an agreement on understandings and principles toward the implementation of the frameworks agreed at Camp David," said a joint statement read by Egypt's top negotiator, Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali.

"The ministers emphasized their desire to move as rapidly as possible toward agreement on the above set of understandings and principles." It said the next meeting — on the working team level — would be in Israel Oct. 21-29 and that the teams would then alternate monthly meetings between Israel and Egypt through Jan. 15. Officials said ministerial meetings would be held as warranted. In the scheduled discussions, the statement

said "ways will be sought" to encourage Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip to join the peace process. The Palestinians have so far stayed out of the talks.

The statement said Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, a member of the negotiating team, described his plan to replace the Israeli military government with an Israeli-run civilian government that would offer "senior posts" to Palestinians. "The Egyptian delegation welcomed the description and expressed its hope that additional measures of this nature would be undertaken in the future which will encourage Palestinians to join the peace process," said the statement.

Egyptian diplomats said Ali had suggested during the talks that the Israelis might release political prisoners, halt the growth of Israeli settlements in occupied lands, suspend a controversial plan for a Mediterranean-Dead Sea canal and stop excavations in Arab East Jerusalem.

Diplomatic sources close to the talks said in a background briefing that the agreement to discuss "principles" had lifted the negotiators out of the morass of differences that led Sadat to break off the talks.

The statement said the discussion of principles would address the issue of the "scope, jurisdiction and structure of the self-governing authority," security, legislative and regulatory powers and elections. The statement also said the working team would give "priority attention" to the easiest problems facing the three delegations.

Before the final statement was issued, Israeli Foreign Ministry official David Kimche said Israel planned "more measures" to improve the climate on the West Bank and Gaza and he added Israel wanted weekly meetings to achieve a "speedy" agreement on autonomy.

Israeli officials repeatedly denied Western diplomatic speculation here that Israel wants to achieve an autonomy agreement on its own terms before the April 1982 return to Egypt of the last third of the Sinai peninsula.

The United States was represented by U.S. Ambassador to Cairo Alfred Atherton and the American Ambassador in Israel Samuel Lewis. "The American delegation is very satisfied indeed with the outcome," said Atherton. "We feel that we have achieved what we came here to achieve. We have set a work program."

New resolution in IAEA

K., Italy try to protect Israel

GENEVA, Sept. 25 (AP) — Britain and West Germany circulated a draft resolution Thursday to suspend Israel's membership in the International Atomic Energy Agency, an agency spokesman said Friday.

The initiative came in the wake of a draft resolution sponsored by 18 countries calling for the suspension of Israel unless it complies with the International Atomic Energy Agency's demand for an inspection of an Iraqi research center outside Baghdad and to Israel to restore the damage and to place its nuclear facilities under monitoring.

The agency spokesman said more resolutions involving Israel's status might still be discussed at the plenary session of the agency's general conference, under way in Vienna, would vote on them on Saturday. He said the British-backed resolution would be discussed on Thursday. He said the British-backed resolution would be discussed on Thursday. He said the British-backed resolution would be discussed on Thursday.

Grueem, the agency's deputy director general in charge of safeguards, stressed that Iraq did not have enough enriched uranium to produce nuclear weapons before the facility was bombed.

He added some 25 kg would be theoretically necessary to produce a nuclear weapon, allowing for inevitable "losses, wastes and scraps" in the process. Grueem said the uranium was inspected by IAEA inspectors "for initial inventory" upon arrival and, later, "under war conditions" in January 1981, referring to the ongoing Iraq-Iran war.

"Lights were on in rooms with no large windows, in other rooms torches were used" by inspectors inside the Iraqi facility outside Baghdad, he explained, a requirement of the actual bombing of the reactor site, but he seemed to strongly deny Israeli charges that the Iraqis were or would have been in a position to produce a nuclear bomb.

Grueem said third inspection of the Iraqi research center was due to be made around the time of the air raid. He said the agency has since refrained from sending its inspector to the site, apparently for the risk posed by as yet unused bombs. The IAEA officer gave a long list of methods and devices used by IAEA inspectors in an effort to prevent diversion of nuclear material for other than peaceful purposes — ranging from accurate inventory and accountability rules to highly sophisticated cameras and detection equipment.

Iraqis injure six Iranians in New Delhi

NEW DELHI, Sept. 25 (AP) — A group of about 50 Iraqis demonstrating near the Iraqi embassy here Friday and hospitals reported six wounded. An Indian policeman also was injured unloading a firearm at the scene, police said. Police arrested four Iraqis and seized two pistols, authorities said.

The Iraqis had marched to within a short distance of the Iraqi embassy protesting "Iraqi aggression" against Iran when police blocked the road police said. The demonstrators then sat down in the street. A blue foreign car with Iraqi diplomatic license plates suddenly appeared with eight persons in it, police said. They said the occupants shot several times over the heads of the crowd before firing on the Iraqis directly.

Police overpowered four of the attackers but the others fled. Such protests have been frequent here since the Iran-Iraq war erupted a year ago.

Pakistani leader dies in grenade attack

LAHORE, Sept. 25 (R) — A leading politician was killed and the judge who sentenced executed Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto to death was wounded in an attack on their car Friday police said.

The sources said their driver was killed when a grenade was thrown at the moving car in a Lahore street. The dead politician was Chaudhry Zahur Elahi, a former labor minister under President Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq.

Former chief justice of the Lahore High Court Mushnaq Hussain was wounded in the leg, the sources said. Hussain was president of the full bench of the Lahore High Court that sentenced Bhutto to death.

Khaddam due at U.N.

DAMASCUS, Sept. 25 (AP) — Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam Friday flew to New York to attend the U.N. General Assembly meeting, officials here said.

Khaddam, who is also deputy prime minister, is scheduled to make a speech next Tuesday during the assembly meeting. Sources said the speech will focus on the Israeli-U.S. strategic alliance and current Mideast issues.

Family voices concern Frenchman held by Afghans

NICE, Southern France, Sept. 25 (AFP) — A French family has expressed increasing concern to the government over their son, arrested by Afghan authorities six months ago, when he tried to sneak past the border, and who is reportedly suffering from malaria.

Photographer Jean-Paul Silve, 21, from the southern Alpine village of Villars-Colmar, 80 kms north of this Mediterranean coastal city, has been described by his parents as a youth with a taste for adventure, but by the Afghan government as a

mercenary. He was caught in an Afghan Army ambush shortly after crossing the border last March 17, and accused of being a foreign mercenary for rebels fighting the Communist regime.

Since then, Silve's parents have received only one letter from their son, who they said was now suffering from malaria. They have also received a letter from the Afghan government, which said it would release their son only if French President Francois Mitterrand made a written request.

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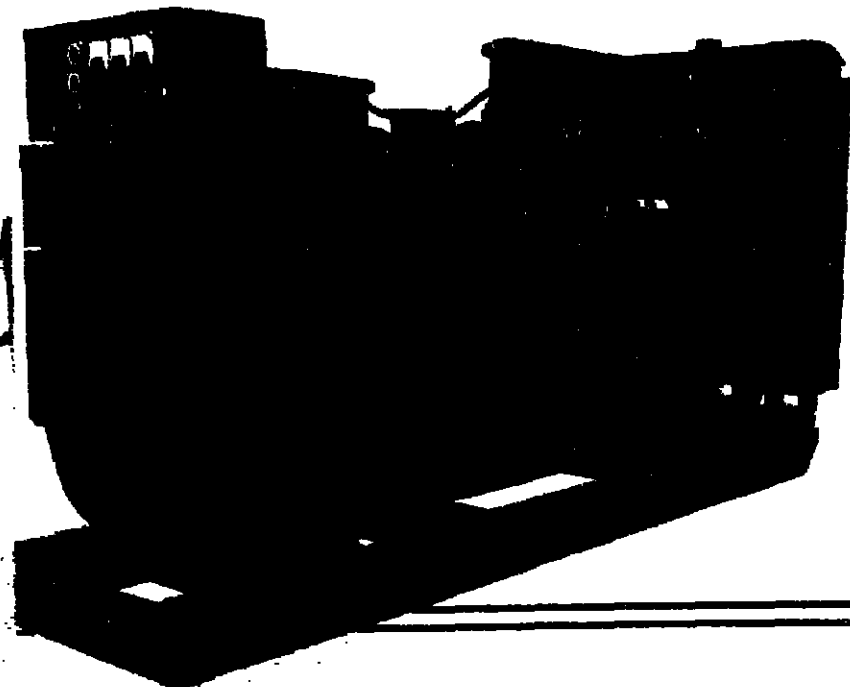
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Reagan knifes the budget

By Donald M. Rothberg

WASHINGTON — U.S. President Ronald Reagan's budget knife finally has cut deeply enough to wound some Republicans and crack the solid support they gave him in the past to anchor his congressional victories in earlier budget battles.

Hours before the president appealed to the nation to "hold to a firm, steady course" on his economic austerity program, a key Republican governor cried, "enough." After meeting with Reagan in the White House, Gov. Richard Snelling of Vermont, chairman of the National Governors Association, told reporters that nearly half the latest \$16 billion in cuts would come from grants to the states.

He would oppose this "very, very dramatic further reduction," said Snelling. That he spoke so quickly is a sign of the strong feeling among governors that the administration is passing on to the states the cost and responsibility for holding the "safety net". The president says this in place to protect the neediest in society.

Snelling is not likely to be the lone Republican defector from the latest cuts. The president rejected the pleas of the moderate Republicans in the house, the group calling themselves Gypsy Moths, to cut deeper into the Pentagon budget in his search for further savings.

Reagan told the nation he reluctantly agreed to a \$13 billion cut over the next three years in defense spending. That breaks down to \$2 billion during the fiscal years starting Oct. 1, \$5 billion the next year and \$6 billion the third.

The Republican moderates — most of them representing northern states already hard hit by earlier cuts in social programs — wanted much more in return for their continued support.

Most declined to talk about specific figures, but Rep. Marge Roukema of New Jersey, was typical. She wanted the Pentagon budget cut back by \$7 billion to \$9 billion. How significant the defections will turn out to be remains to be seen.

When Reagan first started talking about deep cuts in the budget coupled with sharp reductions in tax rates, there were plenty of skeptics who said that once the special interest groups geared up and combined forces with the Democratic majority in the house, the president's program would be shattered. It didn't happen that way. Reagan proved a formidable salesman with a keen sense of the national mood. The Democratic majority turned out to be no majority at all once the "boll weevils," the party conservatives, rallied behind Reagan.

But while the boll weevils got most of the attention, an equally important element of Reagan's winning coalition on Capitol Hill was the solid rank of Republicans. It's too early to say Republican ranks have broken and the president won't pull his party together for the next big battle. But each successive round of cuts inevitably breeds opposition and as the president declared, the impact of the first round of his program hasn't yet been felt. (AP)



WELCOME MONSIEUR MITTERRAND

Present French sympathy for the Israeli enemy need not terrify the Arabs anymore — past active support did. France and Britain banded together with Israel in 1956 to occupy the Suez Canal when Egypt nationalized the waterway.

This reference to France's belligerent policy 26 years ago is but a rosy reflection of an extremely optimistic future in Franco-Arab relations in view of Paris' swing to — or understanding of Arab causes since the Suez War.

The swing, or understanding, has sent shock waves into Tel Aviv which pinned great hopes on France's assistance in the early 50s to implement its expansionist designs in the Arab homeland.

The late President Charles de Gaulle reversed the tide for the Arabs. Former Presidents Georges Pompidou and Giscard d'Estaing upheld that policy, and, today President Francois Mitterrand continues the upward trend of the French political chart in the Middle East climaxing in his Taif visit.

It is to the advantage of the Arabs that Mr Mitterrand enjoys close ties with Israel. He even has many sympathizers of Israel in his administration, chiefly among them is Jacques Attali, who is considered Tel Aviv's man in the Elysee. Despite his Israeli leanings, Attali however has rocked Tel Aviv by his recent remarks warning Israel that it was in danger of becoming a political Rhodasia.

Saudi Arabian leaders meanwhile have, on numerous occasions, called for a balanced Western policy in the Middle East. Mitterrand's visit to Taif affirms this policy: sympathy for Israel is balanced by recognition of the Palestinian rights to their homeland now occupied by Israel. The Arabs cannot ask for more from their former adversaries. Yet Charles de Gaulle, who smashed the psychological barrier to establish the best cordial relations with the Arabs, had set France on an Arab-wise course; for neither France nor the Arabs can afford to ignore their historical links.

At the head of the Fourth Republic, President Mitterrand is urged today to transform that course into action. His task is made easier than ever before by the eightpoint peace proposal of Crown Prince Fahd. The French president will hear King Khaled and the Crown Prince stressing the peace initiative to settle the Arab-Israeli conflict. Mr. Mitterrand, will no doubt, be attentive to the Saudi viewpoint since it will give him an added leverage to talk peace with Israel when he visits Tel Aviv next year.

Crown Prince Fahd has initiated the peace proposal as the Camp David accords failed to bring a global settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict and which does not recognize the rights of the Palestinian people.

President Mitterrand agrees with that and now finds a common denominator between his foreign policy and Fahd's peace plan in setting up a national home for the Palestinians.

It is hoped that with France's political weight and its understanding of the Arab rights, a settlement of the explosive Middle East problem will be brought closer than at any other time before.

Fight in Chad

By Ephen Powell

SARH, Chad — In the center of this graceful, tree-lined town, local notables were gathering for a society wedding. The bride, a general's daughter, wore pink. The groom had just returned from Canada for the ceremony.

All seemed set for a day of joy and celebration. Then the soldiers arrived. Crammed into the back of pick-up trucks and armed with automatic rifles and bazookas, they roared into the center of the town. In the central market, stallowners left their wares and ran. Wedding guests fled.

The reason for the soldiers' presence soon became apparent. Without a full regular salary since civil war broke out in the distant capital of N'djamena in February 1979, they had come in search of money. By midday, the soldiers had taken over the small airport and barred all planes from leaving.

They blame their lack of pay on the 12-man permanent committee which runs Chad's Southern town, accusing it of embezzling funds intended for the troops.

Throughout the afternoon, automatic rifle fire and occasional crack of a bazooka echoed round the town as the soldiers searched for local officials.

Apart from a wave of killings in 1979, when southerners massacred at least 3,000 northerners, the south has mostly lived in peace. But at the same time, it has prepared for war as more than half of the budget of the south's permanent committee is devoted to defense.

Remarkably, much of the civilian administration continued to function in the absence of any central government in N'djamena.

Where else but in southern Chad would teachers work for two years without pay? The teachers finally stopped work last December and the only education now provided in the south is in missionary schools.

The strain of living on nothing but what a garden can provide or what can be borrowed is beginning to tell. The mutiny was a revolt of have-nots. Meanwhile, the radio announcer told listeners not to worry and said the newly-married couple would hold their reception at 9 o'clock that evening, as planned. (R)

Mitterrand's visit boosts relations

RIYADH, Sept. 25 (SPA) — President Francois Mitterrand arrives in the Kingdom Saturday for a three-day visit to further strengthen the relations between the two friendly countries.

The good bilateral relations have been deepened since the visit to France of the late King Faisal and his meetings with the late President Charles de Gaulle and later on King Khaled's visit and his talks with the late President Georges Pompidou and President Valerie Giscard d'Estaing.

Saudi Arabia's relations with France have been characterized by truth and candor because they believe that international security and balance cannot be achieved except by joint efforts by all countries.

King Khaled's recent visit to France was specially important because it took place during exceedingly important international developments. It was the first visit by a head of state to France after the election of President Mitterrand who described it as an expression of goodwill and reiterated France's intention to strengthen its relations with the Kingdom in particular and the Arab world in general. He appreciated the King's acceptance of the invitation and considered it a friendly gesture toward the new French government.

After the meeting the French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson said the two leaders had identical viewpoints and that his country was greatly honored by the King who was the first head of state to visit the country after the election. King Khaled had also visited France in 1978 to discuss international issues and the situation in the Middle East in particular.

But the King's visits were not the only ones by a Saudi Arabian leader. Crown Prince Fahd visited the country several times as part of the ongoing process of improving the bilateral relations. The latest was earlier this month when he went to Paris for a one-day visit and talked with President Mitterrand about matters of mutual interest. Once more the two leaders expressed identical viewpoints, about regional and international issues.

During a visit in 1975 Prince Fahd signed a general agreement for economic cooperation in industry, agriculture, technology, science, finance and petroleum affairs. It was agreed then to form a joint committee under Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal and his French counterpart to bring this cooperation into fruition. This was soon achieved and Prince Saud said that the two countries had succeeded in translating their friendship into constructive cooperation in various fields because of the sound foundation on which their friendship was built.

Subsequent meetings of the committee whether in the Kingdom or France further expanded the scope of cooperation and laid the foundation for joint projects and investments while France sent many experts to the country to help in cultural, agricultural, commercial, industrial and planning work. The two countries also recorded excellent results in road, telecommunications, hospitals and training institutes.

Defense Minister Prince Sultan, Interior Minister Prince Naif and a number of ministers and senior officials also visited France for closer cooperation while President d'Estaing and his senior aides also came here with the same goal in mind.

The officials of both countries maintained that the two countries which represent Arab and French civilizations were quite capable of enriching the human heritage and affirmed their obligations to Europe and the Arab world to serve humanity at present and in the future.

The French leaders on their part hailed the role of the Kingdom in the service of international issues and said that its politically heavy weight stemmed not only from its economic resources but also from its conscious and sagacious outlook on the major world problems as well as its important role in achieving world economic balance.

Bilateral economic, industrial and commercial relations continued to flourish. There are now about 50 French corporations taking part in the country's development plans in addition to businessmen and 4,000 Frenchmen working here on 20 joint and 43 other projects worth about SR343 million in invested capital.

Such projects include the use of solar energy in generating electricity, railroads, airports, meteorology, heavy industries, and the exchange of experts in commercial and industrial enterprises. The Kingdom supplied France with 52 per cent of its oil needs during the first six months of this year.

France has undertaken to develop the Saudi Arabian navy by supplying ships, training and technology as part of the military cooperation agreement between the two countries.

Similarly the ministries of the interior have signed a security cooperation agreement and joint committee maintains the liaison between the two governments in this field.

In education cooperation goes on and there are strong cultural links between the two countries. The Kingdom has increased the number of its scholarships in France as well as the scope of cooperation in geological research, mineral resources, oil exploration, solar energy, astronomy and agricultural sciences.

It has also agreed to open an Arab language school in Paris to be attached to the cultural mission of the embassy. At the same time the Franco-Saudi Arabian Society has set up a prize for the best works that aim at introducing Islam in an effective manner.

The two countries agreed last year to extend the agreement signed in 1974 to develop the television network in the country and expand color broadcasts to the whole Kingdom. Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani agreed with the French minister of industry to train Saudi Arabian personnel in Paris and to allot some television time to life in the Kingdom while Saudi Arabian television will do the same for France.

President Mitterrand's visit will be an important step toward deepening the bilateral relations for mutual benefit in every field largely because of the sound principles on which this friendship is built.

France's Ambassador here Michel Drumetz said earlier this year that President Mitterrand wished to maintain strong relations with the Arab states and was keen on developing them in a spirit of mutual trust with France.

The French Charge said the visit was extremely important specially that it is taking place in very important international circumstances and it is the first visit to the Kingdom by the new French leader.

The visit, he added, springs from a mutual desire to bolster bilateral relations and discuss further ways of cooperation, the situation in the Middle East and other international issues with the aim of serving international peace and stability.

Press Review

Friday's two newspapers, *Al-Jazirah* and *Okaz* commented on the visit of the French president, Francois Mitterrand to the Kingdom and a report published by a Kuwaiti newspaper on the deal of the radar planes, AWACS, to Saudi Arabia.

Welcoming President Mitterrand's visit as his first trip to a Middle East country, *Al-Jazirah* said Mitterrand represents a friendly big power with strong and ever-promoting ties with the Kingdom.

"Such relations can be considered as a model since they are based on mutual respect, understanding and cooperation" the paper said.

Okaz criticized those who repeated what had been said by the Zionist media on depriving and stripping the AWACS planes from their sophisticated equipment.

Commenting on an official Saudi military statement on the relevant report, *Okaz* urged those who repeat such false reports to seek accuracy toward news related to an Arab country which does not make any deal before having a full and scientific study. — (SPA)

Class origin counts in mainland China

By Jonathan Mirsky

China has published new regulations defining the 'class status' on which so much depends in the country: jobs, social position and sometimes life itself.

Although the constitution insists on the equality of all citizens, it remains true that some Chinese are more equal than others. All are classified according to 'class background,' which is usually identical to that of their parents.

During the Cultural Revolution from 1966 to 1976, it became the vogue to have worker-peasant-soldier antecedents: the lowest category of nine was reserved for those of intellectual descent — the 'stinking ninth.'

The right background could 'helicopter' one into university, the bureaucracy and the Party. Those of bad class background, as it was known, were publicly humiliated at rallies and tribunals, parted from their families, compelled to perform menial labor, internally exiled, and very often killed.

Since the Cultural Revolution, the placing of 'hats' or labels on people, especially because of their parents' backgrounds, has been officially condemned. In April Vice-Chairman Deng Xiaoping attacked the past practice whereby 'if a person became an official even his fowls and dogs would rise with him, and if he got into trouble even his most distant relatives would be involved.'

Anxious inquiries have been put to the authorities about how to fill in the blanks on the forms so common in Chinese life. The answer to the question 'class origin?' can affect one's children's jobs and even their marriages.

According to a report in the official New China News Agency, 'background' can now be officially altered. In June 700,000 out of 860,000 people examined were shifted from 'capitalist' to 'working people.'

But even those redesignated must continue, when filling in the blanks, to state that they were once 'capitalists' or 'agents for capitalists,' and their children, even if 'workers' themselves, must remember to indicate the past classification of their parents, although the labels may no longer apply.

The leadership now concedes that some once designated as capitalists were nothing but peddlers and handicraft workers. The consequences of such mislabelling are not spelt out in the report from Peking, but they are well-known to the victims.

In the countryside, landlords and their families have had an equally rough ride, often condemned

Venezuela's enigma

Dry oil wells needed to provide new towns

By Janelle Conaway

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — If a town has oil under it, move the town. That is the principle behind a massive project to shift a string of towns sitting over a fountain of oil on the eastern coast of Venezuela's Lake Maracaibo.

Bachaquero, Lagunillas, Tia Juana, Ciudad Ojeda and Mene Grande sprouted like weeds along the lake 50 years ago, when foreign concessionaires were operating at a peak and it seemed oil would gush forever. Fifty years ago, no one cared if a camp was built on a potential oil field, said Antonio Casas Gonzalez, a director of the national oil conglomerate Petroleos De Venezuela. He is heading the project to "reorder" the lake's eastern coast.

Casas estimates the production potential for the now-populated region is roughly equivalent to what has been produced in the coastal area in the last 40 years, at the rate of 600,000 to 900,000 barrels per day. That means between 8.5 and 12.5 million barrels of crudes ranging from heavy to high-quality super-light.

The deposit is rich, but the towns sitting on them tend to be poor, Casas said. They grew rapidly and haphazardly outside the fenced-in oil camps as people flocked to the area looking for jobs. Make shift wooden shacks and brick box-houses sprang up and many stayed there.

Because there was no urban planning, transportation, schools and other services are deficient, Casas said. The air is often gray

with pollution, and instead of parks, these towns are likely to have barren black patches. "It doesn't seem logical that people who are living in areas of very important exploitation should be living in conditions below the average of Venezuelan people," Casas said.

The keystone of the moving plan, which is being coordinated with the government, the municipalities involved and Petroleos, is the construction of a new model city, to be called El Menito. Petroleos De Venezuela will move its regional offices there to lure its employees from existing towns.

El Menito will grow slowly, to perhaps 40,000 people by the end of the century, Casas said. He says it will be carefully designed to avoid problems such as pollution and insufficient services. Though the project is still in the early planning stages, articles in the Lake Maracaibo area's newspapers indicate there may be opposition from labor unions and residents.

Casas said the oil company is working closely with the town leaders on every step. For people living in depressed areas, he asserts, a move would mean an improved life. He added that existing towns will be improved with investments in public services. No town has been earmarked for extinction, he said, but the goal is to shift the "human settlements" so more oil reserves will be available.

Petroleos De Venezuela has an initial five-year budget of \$116 million for planning El Menito but the actual building will be financed almost entirely by private investment.



NEW BOOK: Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan was recently in London to announce the publication of his new book, "Palestinian Self-Determination." The book deals with the legal basis of the claims of Palestinian Arabs to establish their statehood in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. The prince suggests proposals for a peaceful solution based upon justice according to law.

Remington exhibit
Originals, fakes give insight into artistry

By Paul Richard

WASHINGTON, (WP) — "Cast and Recast: The Sculpture of Frederic Remington" at the National Museum of American Art is an exhibit with a mission. Its side-by-side display of originals and fakes should make the bad guys squirm.

Frederic Remington (1861-1909), who had spent his New York childhood dreaming of the wild west, set out in 1880 (after two years at Yale) to find the real thing. He rode with cowboys and with Indians, he was a ranch cook for a while, he prospected for gold, and ran a mule ranch in Kansas. "I saw the wild rivers and the vacant land were about to vanish forever," he wrote in 1905. "I saw the living, breathing end of three American centuries of smoke and dust and sweat." His illustrations of the west, his paintings and his drawings — and especially his bronzes — by then had made him famous.

One can hardly see a rodeo, or a western on television, without recalling Remington. He, as much as anyone, set our image of the west. His sculptures are a treat. Their extraordinary details — the sweat on that horse's flank, the worn heels of that cowboy's boots, the muzzle of that rifle, the rocks of that steep cliff — somehow coexist with amazing, lifelike energy. These active, graceful objects are full of vim and vigor. You can almost see them breathe.

The only trouble with these sculptures is that reproductions, replicas — and rip-offs made by others long after his death — today far outnumber the statues whose fine castings he supervised.

The present exhibition, organized by Michael Shapiro of Duke University, focuses on four of his best-known images — "The Bronco Buster," "The Scalp," "The Cheyenne" and "The Mountain Man." Remington was a perfectionist. You need not be a connoisseur to see how good his own works are — or how crummy are the rest.

The visitor may here compare 10 quite different versions of "The Bronco Buster," Remington's first bronze. The first of these was cast — in sand molds — by the Henry-Bonnard Bronze Co. in 1895. Various pieces of the sculpture — the right arm of the rider, his upper torso, and his stirrups, and the tail of the horse — were separately cast and then joined together. The

Henry-Bonnard Co. eventually produced perhaps 70 "Bronco Busters," all of which were made using the same method. They are pretty much alike.

Then, in 1900, Remington met Riccardo Bertelli, a Genoa-born technician who introduced the sculptor — and America as well — to the far more flexible and subtle lost-wax method: The "Bronco Busters" made at Bertelli's Roman Bronze Works were cast in a single piece. Their surfaces were more finely detailed. And because each casting required a new wax positive, Remington, for the first time, could alter little details between one cast and another. By touching brush to wax, for instance, he could indicate the hair on the rearing Bronco's leg. He made other changes, too. Fiddling, refining, he changed the horse's eyes and mane, the right hand of the rider, the position of his stirrups, and texture of his chaps (once they had been leather—Remington changed that, in a few casts, to thick, fleecy wool).

Some 90 "Bronco Busters" were made by the Roman Bronze Works before the artist died. His widow then authorized the casting of a posthumous edition of 200 more. Though her will stipulated that "all bronzes done by my late husband Frederic Remington must cease being produced after my death," that was not to be. Spurious "Bronco Busters," made with rubber molds from an "original" (or possibly a fake), are still being cast today. Because "The Bronco Buster's" copyright expired in the 1970s, these recasts aren't illegal, but they sure are ugly.

In 1978, sculptor Cecil Golding made a three-quarter-size "replica" of the statue — in an edition of 1,000. "The low point in contemporary reduction and replication of Remington's sculpture," writes Shapiro, "is found in the paperweight-size replicas" made by sculpture Dale Weston in 1979. One is on display. Fans of western art who've been snookered into thinking there is no big difference between "originals" and "recasts" ought to see this show.

One reason for the blurring and gradual corruption of "The Bronco Buster" here is the still-growing demand for works of western art. Another, of course, is plain, old-fashioned greed. A good Henry-Bonnard sand cast of the piece sold recently in New York for \$110,000.

Japanese Pompeii

Amateur archeologists find medieval commerce center

By Richard Bell

TOKYO (AP) — After years of sifting through sludge and sand, a team of amateur archeologists has uncovered the remains of a medieval port city in southwestern Japan that once was a flourishing center of commerce with China. Some call it "Japan's Pompeii." The excavators say they have unearthed thousands of ceramic bowls, pots and lacquerware — artifacts of everyday life in Japan seven centuries ago.

The site, buried under a 2.5 meter layer of silt, was devastated by a huge flood in 1673, said Masadwi Natsushita, who heads the dig. Unlike the Campanian, Italy town that was entombed almost intact by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 A.D., little remains today of the city's buildings and thoroughfares. Scholars have named the area under excavation "Kusado Senegencho," which means "one thousand houses." Natsushita said the town was at its most prosperous in the Muromachi Age (1393-1496), a rich cultural period at the outset of Japan's Feudal Era.

"We have been almost overwhelmed by the number of artifacts" said Natsushita 43 who has headed the Kusado Senegencho Relic Research Center since digging began. "It's hard to imagine how vigorous trade was between Japan and China during this relatively unknown period of Japanese history."

Aided by a grant equivalent to \$130,000 from the Cultural Affairs Agency and the Hiroshima Prefectural (state) Government, Natsushita said he hopes to finish excavating by 1988.

He recruited local farmers and students for

the dig which continues all year round except for a one-month break in winter and the June rainy season.

Natsushita said his team has found thousands of coins minted in the Sung Dynasty (960-1279), China's "Golden Age." The site also has yielded "truckloads" of ceramics, chopsticks, bowls, pots, kettles, jewelry, shoes, mirrors, lacquerware and farm tools, some of them "very well preserved," he said.

They also uncovered 4,000 wooden tablets, each 100-cv long and 3 cm wide and covered in Chinese characters, which he guessed were used as memo pads.

"This site is unique in all Japan," said Izomohiko Harada retired professor of city development at Osaka City University and an authority on medieval Japanese history. "It's a wonderful find that will give scholars a chance to rewrite this obscure age."

Harada, in a telephone interview from his home in Kyoto, said there is relatively little documented information on the period.

The find has been likened to Pompeii because of the excellent state of preservation. "Judging by the enormity of the find, the Japanese town was obviously a highly prosperous trading center which relied on commerce with China," Natsushita said. He added that the town's existence was discovered in 1928 when the local government began building retaining walls along the banks of the Ashida River.

The town covers an area of 62,000 square meters (75,600 sq. yds), and was ringed with primitive fortifications of sharpened wooden stakes.

Elixir of life eludes Japan's centenarians

TOKYO (G) — Japanese bureaucrats have joined the eternal quest for an elixir of long life with meticulous inquiry into the habits of the nation's centenarians. Perhaps, surprisingly, they were no more successful in uncovering the secret than other researchers, and had to make do with a cluster of "commonsense principles" to promote longevity.

To begin with it helps to be born Japanese. Marking the "respect for the aged" holiday, the authorities announced that there are 1,072 centenarians in Japan, 104 more than last year and one of the highest ratios in the world.

Only 202 are male (officials claim that Japan's reliable registration system rules out cheating). Life expectancy is the second highest in the world for both men and women, according to 1980 figures (Japan was top of the league in 1979).

To discover why so many live so long, the Ministry of Health and Welfare this spring had an affiliated agency send out questionnaires to 1,018 people aged one hundred or more. Reading through the 1,009 responses (an astonishing high rate of reply) analysts found that most were born of families tending to live long, and worked in forestry or in farming, and spent their lives in rural communities. The centenarians, who almost all

shared a roof with three generations in traditional fashion, were asked to supply reasons for attaining a ripe old age. "Stop eating before you get full up," was the most frequent response. "Getting plenty of rest and sleep" and "Keeping regular hours" were widely cited too. As for diet, most favoured a sashimi (raw fish) and sushi (raw fish on rice), carrot-pumpkin and spinach, and an egg a day. Twenty three percent did not touch meat. And 52 percent said they took rice, only one percent bread.

This was good news for the Agriculture Ministry who on "Respect for the Aged" day last year had claimed that rice-eating habits were a cause of Japanese longevity. The health minister had expressed doubts, and decided to investigate with this unique centenarians survey.

The results were inconclusive, but suggested that both dietary and hereditary factors play a part. So, possibly, does the environment — the highest proportion of centenarians have spent their lives in the purer air of southwest Japan — notably the island of Okinawa.

A large number of centenarians attributed their long life to "not worrying about things." For those inclined to do so, the most worrying finding of the survey.

Polish students lack texts, even schools

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — When 6 million students went back to school in Poland this year, some of them found shortages of notebooks and textbooks. Others found there was not even a school. A year of upheaval in Poland has touched even the youngest members of its society. Although the burst of openness about Poland's past has encouraged unfettered scholastic inquiry, economic troubles have deprived some students of the necessities of learning.

"It is not going to be an easy year for education," the United Peasant Party reported recently. The party is the official farmers party.

"The problems and difficulties of our society are weighing heavily upon school life," a teacher said. "The shortages that trouble daily life touch students too this year. I received two notebooks for each of the 30 children in my class and who knows when I will get more."

"Now, there are long lines to get anything for children," said Jania Grzelakowska, 36, the mother of 13-year-old twins. She had the foresight to buy notebooks in June, but she

said had to go to a village outside Warsaw to find them.

While the defiant trade union Solidarity was holding its national convention Polish television was full of familiar reports of the first week of school. Poland's official media reported that some 6 million pupils in this nation of 36 million will report to first and secondary schools this fall. They face crumbling schools, acute shortages of textbooks and paper, troubled school food programs and lack of heating.

"There is a shortage of schools, nursery schools and teachers, there are problems with textbooks and educational aids."

Many other problems had been highlighted in the year of labor unrest that launched the Soviet bloc's first independent union.

Maria Mazur, head of the Department of General Education at the Ministry of Education, said in a recent interview this year's meal programs are "undoubtedly going to demand overcoming even greater difficulties."

Wheat, sugar, flour, butter and rice are rationed.



BALANS CHAIR: This design, according to Norwegian designers, allows a sitting style which fits the human anatomy and eliminates hunched-up, cramped positions.

Norwegian backless chair made to fit the anatomy

Houston Bureau

HOUSTON — The Norwegians have designed a new way of sitting that is a far cry from going "back to basics." In fact, there is no back at all. The innovation is called the Balans chair. The unique idea behind the chair is a concept of sitting on and not in. The sitting style fits the human anatomy, according to the designers, and eliminates the hunched-up, cramped position that causes back and muscle complaints.

When sitting on the Balans chair, the open angle between the torso and legs automatically straightens the spine and relaxes the body into a position of natural balance and good posture with minimal use of muscles, more room for internal organs, better circulation and a free diaphragm for easier breathing.

The chair is at use in Norway in factories or jobs usually done standing, in offices, homes, hospitals and schools.

There are different varieties of the Balans chair, such as the "Skulptur", used decoratively with a modern interior and the "Activ" working chair, that is available with desk or table.

The most versatile of the variations is the Balans "Variable," introduced to the United States through West Nofa of Chicago.

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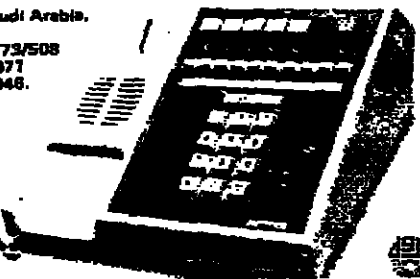
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U.S. seeks review of missile contract

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (R) — Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger has said the United States would review its decision to cancel purchase of a French-German anti-aircraft missile if its makers agreed to renegotiate the deal.

He spoke as West German officials expressed dismay over the decision announced Wednesday to eliminate the Roland program and save \$477 million in the 1982 financial year which begins next week. Weinberger indicated the United States might seek to delay and stretch out deliveries of the missiles in order to save money over the short term.

Bonn officials had said the decision undermined attempts to promote two-way sales between the United States and its West European allies. "We are not opponents of the Roland program," Weinberger told a House on Representatives Committee Thursday. "The problem we had was the unit cost... If there is some way of getting the cost savings we need... let's look at it."

The secretary was responding to Washington state Congressman Norman Dicks, who said stretching out the purchase would avoid breaking an agreement, save \$200 million in contract cancellation costs and save the \$1.3 billion already invested in the program.

Weinberger said a cut in production by one launching unit and 25 missiles a month could save more than \$400 million next year. Under questioning by members of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, Weinberger could not immediately name an alternative for the Roland, an all-weather anti-aircraft system.

Weinberger said that President Ronald Reagan was expected to announce his decision next week on how to modernize the U.S. strategic nuclear forces.

He gave no details of the decision, although he advised the subcommittee to retain the \$2.4 billion which it earmarked in the 1982 budget authorization to develop the controversial MX missile. The key questions facing Reagan are whether and how to deploy the MX missile and whether to revive the B-1 bomber program to replace the B-52 fleet.

Weinberger also indicated that the United States intends phasing out its 52 intercontinental Titan-2 missiles from its nuclear arsenal in the years to come. Weinberger said the decommissioning of these missiles would contribute to realizing the budget economies decided by Reagan who recently decided to chop \$13,000 million off what will still be the biggest American military budget in peacetime.

1st woman on U.S. Supreme Court

Mrs. O'Connor takes oath

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (AP) — Sandra Day O'Connor, swearing an oath spoken by 101 men before her, took her place as the first woman on the U.S. Supreme Court, promising to "do equal right to the poor and to the rich."

Mrs. O'Connor, an Arizona appeals court judge, was sworn in during a brief ceremony Friday as an associate justice of the nation's highest court. U.S. President Ronald Reagan, who broke a 191-year, all-male tradition when he appointed Mrs. O'Connor to the lifetime job, was among some 500 guests invited to watch as Chief Justice Warren E. Burger administered her oath of office.

Also invited was retired Justice Potter Stewart the man Mrs. O'Connor was picked to succeed. Following a court tradition, Mrs. O'Connor had to take two oaths one during a private meeting of the justices and the other in the marble and mahogany courtroom.

Mrs. O'Connor, 51, sailed through Senate confirmation hearings despite opposition from groups who perceived her voting record in the Arizona legislature as pro-abortion. Mrs. O'Connor made it plain, however, that she shares the views of many conservatives.

She told the Senate Judiciary Committee she abhors abortion, thinks it "inappropriate" for women to participate in combat during time of war, opposes busing for school desegregation, favors the death penalty for certain crimes and believes the courts in some instances may be too soft on criminals.

But Mrs. O'Connor repeatedly emphasized that her personal views would not affect



Sandra Day O'Connor

her Supreme Court votes. And she disavowed any hint that she will be Reagan's conservative envoy to the court.

"I was not asked to make any commitments about what I would do or how I would resolve any issue to come before the court," she testified during her confirmation hearings. Mrs. O'Connor's nomination was confirmed by a 99-0 vote of the Senate last week.

U.S. accused of bacterial warfare

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 25 (AP) — Cuban Foreign Minister Isidoro Malmierca, in a sharp attack on the Ronald Reagan administration has accused the United States of bacterial warfare against Cuba, genocidal acts in El Salvador and a quest for world supremacy.

In the 155-nation United Nations General Assembly policy debate, he said Thursday the U.S. government was claiming "an unacceptable supremacy in all walks of life and, particularly, a military superiority that jeopardizes the careful structure of peace and international law created from the defeat of the fascist Nazi forces in World War II."

President Reagan's government, Malmierca charged, "intends to impose its hegemony on everyone, and arrogantly claims for the United States a special place that would enable it to decide all questions posed in international relations in favor of United States imperialist interests and its transnational operations."

"In the United Nations," he went on, "it rejects the draft agreements on the law of the sea that its own negotiators accepted. It brings to a crisis at the forthcoming Cancun conference before it even begins by setting itself as a supreme judge of who should and should not attend."

President Reagan has said he would not attend the Oct. 22 and 23 summit if Cuban leader Fidel Castro attends.

Malmierca told the General Assembly that Cuba had suffered an epidemic of dengue fever that killed 156 persons, 99 of them children. He said "highly qualified" investigators have concluded that the No. 2 virus of dengue fever "was deliberately introduced into Cuba."

"We know that the research centers in the United States dedicated to the development of biological weapons have devoted special attention to dengue's No. 2 virus," he said.

"We are firmly convinced that, to the long list of aggressions of all sorts against our people... the United States has now added the use of biological weapons," Malmierca charged. Steven Munson, press counselor of the United States' U.N. mission, said the charges "are absurd and totally groundless."

The Cuban minister told the assembly the United States had "intensified its interventionist and genocidal acts in El Salvador, arming and advising a terrorist government that has murdered over 20,000 children."

He denied that Cuba was supplying weapons to the guerrilla forces trying to topple the ruling junta in El Salvador.

Maze prisoner gives up hunger strike

BELFAST, Sept. 25 (AP) — Irish Republican Army hunger striker Bernard Fox gave up his fast at the Maze Prison outside Belfast Thursday night after 32 days without food, the Republican Press Center reported.

It said Fox agreed to receive medical treatment after being told by hospital doctors that he had a blocked tube leading to his kidneys which would bring about his premature death.

He was the sixth hunger striker to give up the fast since it started March 1. Ten convicted guerrillas have died on the hunger strike.

The fast was launched by convicted guerrillas of the IRA and the Irish National Liberation Army to press for changes in the regime in the H-shaped cell blocks of the Maze. The British government refused to concede them on grounds that it would confer prisoner-of-war status on men it holds are common criminals.

Fox's departure reduces the present number of guerrillas on the fast to seven. IRA sources in Belfast said Fox, who comes from the St. James's area of Roman Catholic west Belfast, was told he had no more than five days to live. He is serving 10 years for terrorist offenses.

Provisional Sinn Fein, legal political arm of the outlawed IRA, said his decision to give up followed a meeting in the prison hospital between the hunger strikers and the IRA leader there, Brendan McFarlane.

Sinn Fein said in a statement: "Following that meeting, and as a result of him being informed today that a blockage in a tube to his kidneys would bring about premature death, Bernard Fox has agreed to accept medical treatment, as did a previous hunger striker, Brendan McLaughlin."

Americans fire business satellite

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, Sept. 25 (AP) — A second U.S. business satellite was sent into space aboard a Delta rocket Thursday night, joining another already launched by Satellite Business Systems.

The satellite took off at 7:09 p.m. EDT (2309 GMT), about 20 minutes behind schedule, and went into an elliptical transfer orbit — ranging from 104 (167 kms) to nearly 23,000 miles (37,000 kms) from earth — 25 minutes later. Later, its motor is to be fired to position the satellite in a stationary orbit 22,300 miles (35,887 kms) above the equator south of Dallas.

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SBS is owned jointly by the IBM Corp., Comsat General Corp. and Aetna Life and Casualty Co. The mission cost \$36 million. The first such satellite was launched last November. A third is slated to be put in orbit next year.

McLaughlin gave up his fast last May, less than three weeks after he started refusing food. He was suffering from a perforated ulcer. The government maintained McLaughlin came off the fast because the organizers of the hunger strike required long-drawn-out deaths to win maximum worldwide publicity for their cause.

The other four to abandon the protest did so while lying close to death after their families requested medical aid. McLaughlin and the other four are all now recovered or recovering.

The longest surviving of the present hunger strikers is Liam McCloskey of INLA who Thursday had gone 53 days without food. The Republican Press Center said he is blind and unable to hold down water.

The IRA and INLA, both of which are mainly Roman Catholic, are fighting to drive the British from Northern Ireland.

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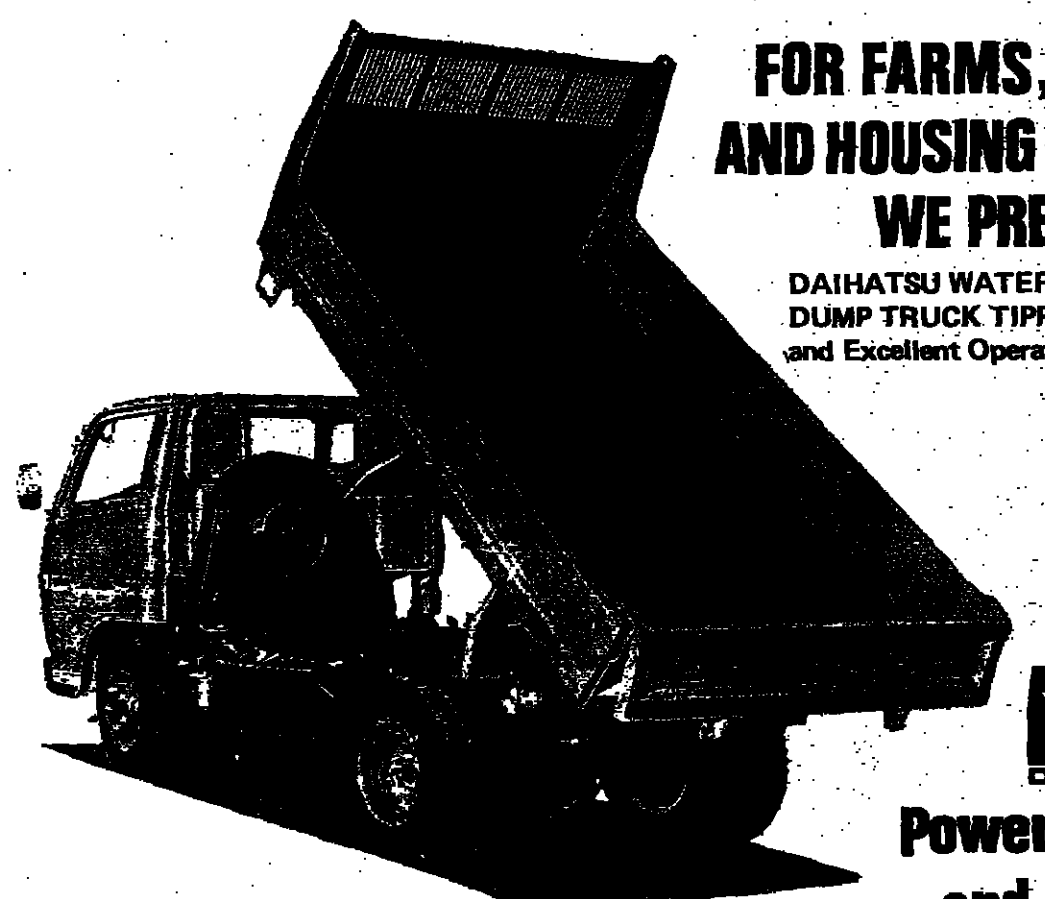

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Talks start next month

Western group OKs Namibian timetable

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 25 (Agencies) — Foreign ministers of the United States, Canada, Britain, France and West Germany have worked out a timetable and proposed confidence-building measures for putting into effect in 1982 a three-year-old plan to bring Southwest Africa to independence from South Africa.

The foreign ministers said in their statement: "The five have now completed their initial consideration of possible constitutional principles for the constituent assembly. The five believe that these proposals would be likely to secure the confidence of all concerned."

Accordingly the five intend to begin dis-

ussion of these proposed constitutional principles as well as a timetable and an approach to other remaining issues with the parties concerned starting in October.

Their statement was issued here by the Canadian U.N. Mission after the ministers had conferred in the nearby hotel suite of Secretary of State Alexander Haig Thursday.

The plan, worked out by the five countries and adopted by the U.N. Security Council in September 1978, calls for a ceasefire in the territory and a U.N.-supervised electoral campaign to name an assembly that would draft a constitution for an independent Namibia.

South Africa has declined to set a date for the first step, deployment of U.N. troops and civilian observers in the territory, on grounds the United Nations is biased toward the Southwest Africa People's Organization, waging guerrilla war to take over Namibia.

The Western ministers said that after recent U.S.-African talks and an exchange of messages between their countries and South Africa "it is now possible to identify more clearly the issues involved and a process for their resolution" that would result in implementation of the basic Security Council resolution.

The statement said they had reached the point where they could "consider proposals to deal with these issues and thus to create the confidence necessary for all parties to proceed."

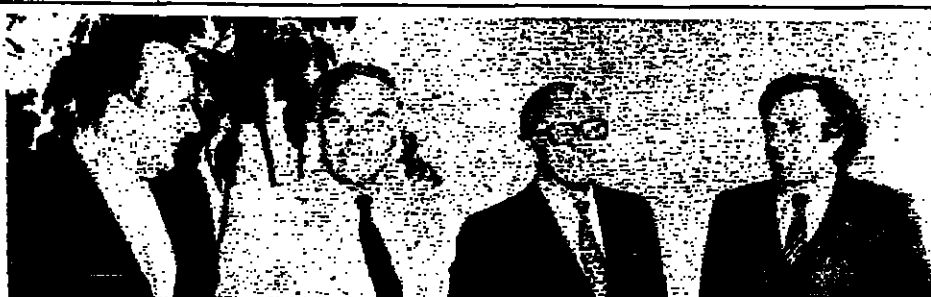
Those besides Haig that took part in the talks were Lord Carrington, British foreign secretary, and Foreign Ministers Claude Cheysson of France, Hans-Dietrich Genscher of West Germany and Mark MacGuigan of Canada.

4 ex-U.S. ambassadors to attend Taipei jubilee

TAIPEI, Sept. 25 (AFP) — Four former American ambassadors to Taipei will take part in celebrations marking the 70th year of the founding of the Nationalist Republic on the "Double 10th day," Oct. 10, the foreign Ministry announced Friday. They are Karl L. Rankin, Everett F. Drumright, Adm. Jerauld Wright and Leonard Unger, all now retired.

Other guests will include Costa Rican President Rodrigo Caraza and ranking officials from Lesotho, El Salvador, South Korea, Saudi Arabia, South Africa and Paraguay.

Over 200 foreign journalists have been invited to cover the event, which will feature a display of certain new weapons developed by the republic's military industry in cooperation with private firms.



NEW YORK MEETING: Presenting a happy foursome in New York before their meeting at the United Nations Thursday are (from left) West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington and Canadian Foreign Minister Mark MacGuigan. French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson also joined their discussion on Namibian independence.

In preventing pneumonia Expert doubts vaccine effect

CHICAGO, Sept. 25 (AP) — There is little evidence that a widely used pneumonia vaccine is effective in preventing the disease, according to a public health specialist writing in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Dr. J.V. Hirschman of the University of Washington Medical School said "there is no convincing evidence that the vaccine is effective for the chronically ill" or other groups that are particularly susceptible to pneumonia. Hirschman said studies on the vaccine found "no evidence to show it does what it tries to do." A report by Hirschman and Dr. Benjamin Lipsky was published in the *Journal* Sept. 25 issue.

But Dr. Robert Austrian, an advocate of the vaccine, claimed it is effective in preventing the bacterial forms of pneumonia for which it was developed. The polysaccharide pneumococcal vaccine was licensed by the Food and Drug Administration in 1977 and has been administered to an estimated 4 million people, according to Austrian, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School.

The vaccine received limited support from the public health service which Hirschman said doctors have misinterpreted as a blanket endorsement. Hirschman noted that two unpublished studies on the vaccine sponsored by the National Institutes of Health "have demonstrated no benefit for ambulatory, elderly or institutionalized patients."

One study, conducted in the 1970s among patients at a mental hospital in Raleigh, North Carolina, showed no reduction in the frequency of pneumonia or in deaths from pneumonia. A 1980 study at the San Francisco Kaiser-Permanente Medical Center examined a group of people 45 years and older with similar results, he said.

"There is currently no information to support widespread pneumococcal vaccination in this country," he concluded.

Austrian agreed that more research on the vaccine is needed, but he claimed that it works and should be used more often to prevent common bacterial pneumonias in high-risk groups, especially those over 55.

About 25 percent of all pneumonia is caused by bacteria and the rest results from infections due to viruses and microplasmids, he said. The vaccine builds antibodies against 14 types of pneumonia bacteria that cause 75 percent of the bacterial pneumonia, he said.

6 U.S. servicemen die

PALMA, Spain, Sept. 25 (AFP) — Six U.S. servicemen — two army officers and four Marines — were killed Thursday when the U.S. Navy helicopter they were flying in crashed into the sea near the Balearic Islands, officials said. The helicopter crashed, for unknown reasons, as it was about to land on the U.S. helicopter carrier *Gundalcanal*.

For comment on Cambodia

China raps Mrs. Gandhi

PEKING, Sept. 25 (AP) — For the second time in two weeks China has criticized India, saying it is "on the side of the aggressor" in Cambodia and has disgraced itself as a founder of the nonaligned movement. The official Xinhua news agency, quoting a Peking radio report, denounced a comment reportedly made by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi that China is responsible for the Cambodia problem.

Mrs. Gandhi, in an interview Monday in New Delhi with an Australian newspaper, reportedly said she did not think the Soviet Union is the villain in Cambodia. Xinhua quoted her as saying: "Actually it was China which started it."

Foreign political observers said she presumably referred to China's support of the ousted Pol Pot regime. The Chinese press commentary said: "It is really surprising that the Indian leader called black white on the Cambodia problem since it's already very clear who's wrong and who's right on this issue."

The commentary said the Cambodian problem was started by the Vietnamese, "aided and abetted by the Soviet Union." In order to dominate Southeast Asia, China said, Vietnam sent more than 200,000 troops into Cambodia and installed the Heng Samrin regime.

China said India, as a founder of the nonaligned movement, should stand with justice-loving countries "to force the Soviet-backed Vietnamese authorities" to withdraw from Cambodia. Instead, China said, India did the opposite and last year recognized the Heng Samrin regime.

China said: "All this shows that India is on the side of the aggressor on the question of aggression and resistance against aggression... This is incompatible with its role as a founder nation of the nonaligned movement. And this can only bring disgrace to India and make her more isolated internationally."

Earlier this month China accused an Indian newspaper of harming friendly relations by printing a "rumor" that Chinese troops intruded into India. Foreign diplomatic observers noted the Indian government has not made any response to the report on Chinese troops. They said the troop crossover occurred in an undefined and disputed border area and said such crossovers frequently occur on both sides during routine border surveys. Each side usually informs the other in advance, they said.

The observers, said the Chinese response apparently is an effort to keep the record straight on its position. They said they did not expect it to affect forthcoming normalization and border talks between China and India.

BRIEFS

BANGKOK (AFP) — Two crew members of the U.S. aircraft carrier *Midway* died of drug overdose while on shore leave in Thailand, a U.S. Embassy spokesman announced Friday. The spokesman declined to give their names.

MANILA (AFP) — Navy frogmen Friday braved toxic gases in the hull of the sunken Philippine navy destroyer *Datu Kalanawa*, and recovered nine more bodies, raising the death toll to 61. The ship went down in a typhoon Sunday off the Calayan Islands, some 500 kms north of Manila.

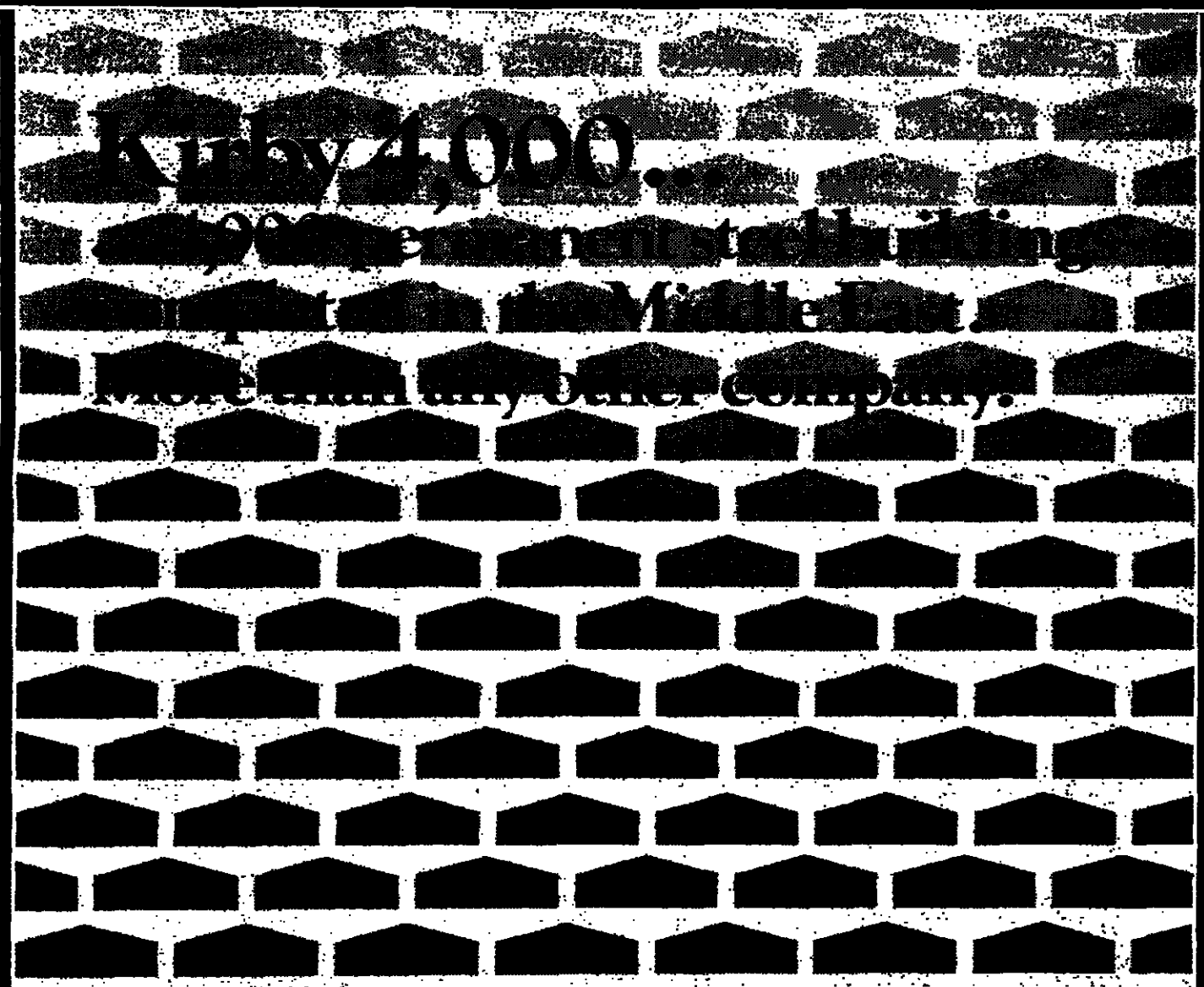
KUALA LUMPUR (AFP) — More than 300 doctors from Europe, Australia, the United States and non-Communist Southeast Asia will meet here next month to discuss latest advances in cardiology, it was announced Friday. The conference will begin Oct. 4.

TOKYO (AFP) — Operations at the Tokaimura nuclear reprocessing plant north of Tokyo were suspended recently because

experts detected excessively high concentrations of plutonium in one of its storage tanks, the Japanese Agency for Science and Technology reported Friday. The only Japanese facility of its kind, the Tokaimura plant reprocessed about 80 tons of irradiated nuclear fuel between September 1977 and the end of 1980.

SUVA, Fiji (AP) — India's Prime Minister Indira Gandhi arrived here Friday from Indonesia on an official visit. She was met at the Nadi airport by Deputy Prime Minister Ram Sir Penaia Ganilau.

CANBERRA (R) — The Australian government is urgently inquiring into allegations of a serious leak of radioactive material into the Pacific Ocean after recent French underground nuclear testing there, Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser said, Friday. He was replying to deputy opposition leader Lionel Bowen who said in parliament earlier that there had been serious radioactive leaks at Mururoa Atoll, France's main nuclear testing area.



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Stands at \$64b

U.S. deficit jumps by \$5.12b in August

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (AP) — U.S. government finances fell \$5.12 billion further into the red in August raising the federal deficit for the first 11 months of the fiscal year more than \$9 billion over the Reagan administration's estimate for the full year, treasury officials reported Thursday.

But the government showed a relatively strong surplus in September last year, and a slightly better showing this month could still leave the fiscal 1981 deficit at or close to the administration's forecast of \$55 billion.

The deficit for the first 11 months of the current fiscal year, which ends next Wednesday, stood at \$ 64.83 billion the new report said.

But officials caution each month as the statistics are released that federal spending and tax collections are not spread evenly over the 12 months, so the current deficit level does not necessarily mean the predicted shortfall for the year will be surpassed.

The treasury department's new monthly statement said the government spent \$53.1 billion in August and took in \$47.98 billion. The August spending brought outlays for the year to \$ 606.85 billion compared with receipts of \$542.02 billion.

Meanwhile, the consumer price index rose just 0.8 percent in August—a sign that inflation in the United States is continuing to slow, the government said Thursday. But the statistics suggested that the rate of price increases is not dropping at the same rhythm as earlier this year. Inflation for the first eight months was 9.6 percent.

Jerry Jordan, a White House economic adviser, said he was confident that inflation would stay below 10 percent for the year. "We think we are on course and that inflation will decline further by one or two percentage points," he said.

ICO agrees on coffee export quotas

LONDON, Sept. 25 (AFP) — The International Coffee Organization Friday announced a producers' export quota of 56 million 60-kilo bags for the year starting this Oct. 1.

The figure for the first three months is 13 million bags. The decision was reached after lengthy negotiations.

The coffee-producing nations agreed to place an overall limit on their exports of 56 million bags of 60 kilos each. Together with consumer countries they also agreed on a scheme to keep coffee prices within a range of \$1.15 \$1.50 a pound.

The latest arrangements, which supersede a previous pact, come into force at the beginning of next month and will run for one year. They will affect the 72-member countries of the ICO, which together account for over 90 percent of the world coffee trade.

The agreement is expected to restore confidence to world coffee markets which have seen prices decline steadily from a peak of more than \$3.5 a pound in the 1970s when prices soared after a frost wiped out Brazil's crop, causing a major shortage.

The pact aims to hold world coffee prices within a target range agreed by both producers and consumers by controlling the amount of coffee on the world market through the quota system. The tough stance adopted by the United States in the talks has been another factor thwarting agreement so far. The U.S. has consistently opposed producers' demands for an increase to the 1980/81 minimum target price of 115 cents a pound and initially pressed for 100 cents. World coffee prices are currently around 105 cents.

Textile parley 3rd World rejects proposals

GENEVA, Sept. 25 (AP) — Developing Countries have pressed for more liberalized access to Western textile markets and said that many Western proposals made thus far in the 51-nation textile talks were unacceptable.

Addressing the textiles committee of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Columbian Ambassador Felipe Jaramillo, who spoke on behalf of the developing countries, was specifically critical of the European

Community position in the talks on renewing the multifiber arrangement which expires at the end of 1981.

"It is difficult to discuss the so-called proposals put forward by the community with any measure of seriousness," Jaramillo told the meeting, claiming that the EEC had "not so much as made a preliminary attempt" to tackle crucial points.

Among community concepts described as unacceptable to the developing countries, Jaramillo listed the "so-called linkage between the arrangement's growth and flexibility provisions with growth and consumption in the importing countries."

Jaramillo also reiterated that the developing countries sought a tightening of the rules that allow importers to curb the inflow of textiles in case of market disruptions. The community earlier said this could not be a realistic proposal at a time when the West European textile industry was under greater threat than at any time.

The EEC negotiation position will be finalized by the ministers' council late next month. Jaramillo said the developing countries welcomed the United States proposal to extend the present arrangement, adding this was seen as a "genuine effort to attempt ... to advance the negotiations."

EFTA sees 0.5% growth this year

VIENNA, Sept. 25 (AFP) — Marginal growth can be expected by the seven-nation European Free Trade Association (EFTA) this year, the executive committee said in a meeting in Salzburg.

Growth this year is likely to be an overall 0.5 percent against 3.3 percent last year. The unemployment rate is expected to work out at 3.4 percent against 7.7 percent overall for the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

EFTA is likely to have a foreign trade deficit this year of some \$6 billion

U.S., Japan, EEC talks set

TOKYO, Sept. 25 (AFP) — Japan, the United States and European Common Market have agreed to hold three-sided trade talks at cabinet level in the United States, possibly in November, government officials confirmed Friday.

Officials of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) said the agreement was reached at a meeting in Chicago Wednesday among Japanese Deputy Foreign Minister Kiyoshi Kikuchi, MITI Deputy Minister Shobei Kurihara, U.S. Deputy Trade Representative David Macdonald and Roy Dennis, director-general of the EEC external affairs bureau.

The meeting will be an "informal and noncommittal" gathering to discuss trade problems among the three trade partners and their industrial structures with the view of containing protectionism and maintaining the free trade system, they said.

The meeting was first proposed by U.S. Trade Representative William Brock.

Meanwhile, Philippines appealed to the EEC to refrain from levying an additional tax on coconut oil entering the EEC, saying it could be "the last nail on the coffin" of the country's coconut industry.

Teenagers invent micro-computer

SEVENOAKS, England, Sept. 25 (AP) — A micro-computer system created by three schoolboys in a garden shed in their spare time should bring in £1 million (\$ 1.78 million) within 12 months, says the company marketing it.

"Although they are only 18, in wisdom they are 200 years old", said M. Kibasi, an electronic engineer and a director of the company marketing the product, to the London Daily Telegraph Friday. He said that estimated sales should give £50,000 (\$90,000) a year in royalties to each of them and another £20,000 (\$ 35,600) to each in consultancy fees.

The school's technical director, R.D. Sommerhoff, said: "William is the software genius, Charles is brilliant at hardware and Alistair is the businessman." Kibasi said the computer will sell at £2,000 (\$3,560) and can be used for accounting, invoicing, data, word processing and can monitor quality and weight controls.

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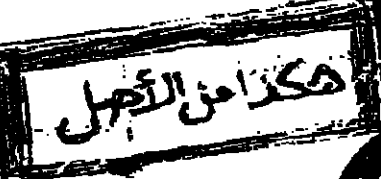
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Price hike ruled out

Top analysts foresee endless oil surplus

LONDON, Sept. 25 (R) — In the present world oil glut, some leading analysts are challenging the widely-held view that oil is bound to become scarce in years to come. Instead, they argue, oil will be plentiful and OPEC will be hard-pressed to survive, let alone inexorably ratchet up the price.

Peter Odell, director-designate of the Energy Studies Center at Rotterdam's Erasmus University, sees a possibility that recurrent surpluses will cause the international oil market to collapse some time in the later 1980s.

The changing fortunes of oil's future worries the Paris-based International Energy Agency (IEA), the West's oil consumer group. It maintains that the West is still too dependent on Middle East oil and is concerned that complacency may discourage investment in conservation and alternative fuels.

More than 20 million barrels of crude oil a day, compared with a peak of 31 million in 1979.

Demand for OPEC's oil plunged as a result of recession in the West, conservation, wider use of coal, gas and nuclear energy and of oil from non-OPEC sources such as Anglo-Norwegian North Sea, Alaska and Mexico.

Odell, writing in the October edition of the London *Lloyds Bank Review*, suggested these trends may persist. Fighting for sales, one or more of OPEC's 13 members might then be forced to undercut the OPEC floor price.

Increasingly, this worry is shared within OPEC itself, particularly by the biggest exporter, Saudi Arabia.

Between U.S., France A 'fast food' battle erupts

PARIS, Sept. 25 (AFP) — An international "fast food" battle is now under way between the United States and France.

American-style food bars have mushroomed in this country over the past couple of years, with McDonald's opening up a new market consisting basically of office workers in a hurry to get a bite to eat, and young people with a liking for informal hamburger and similar snacks.

But the French counter-attacked with bars serving hot "croissants and briochees". They have taken the fight into the adversary's camp, notably in New York.

Businessman Michel Axel, for example, is sure he is on to a good thing, and plans to open a score of these "hot croissant" bars in the U.S. over the coming 18 months. Then he intends to move into Canada, Japan and Venezuela.

McDonald's establishments in busy spots like the Champs Elysees Avenue, the Etoile and the Latin Quarter.

Things started to go wrong when Dayan was told that he would have to give up the "Big Mac" license. A senior McDonald's executive affirmed that the hamburgers served in the French bars were not the authentic American product. He also said Dayan's fast food bars were badly run, and that customers got their clothes greased up if they stayed too long.

Dayan is prepared to agree that his premises were not all they ought to be in the initial stages of the contract, but he claims that they now match American standards. Asserting that his battle with McDonald's stems from the very success of his operation, he says: "The Americans themselves didn't really believe in it." He obtained the license cheaply and McDonald's management was now regretting this, he adds.

As the litigation builds, up, France's gourmet writers have already given their ruling: American and French hamburgers are equally bad. But the final verdict lies with the customers.

IMF talks West policy belies aid hopes

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (R) — The developing world's hopes for more economic aid will conflict with the belt-tightening policies of the advanced countries at the meeting of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank next week.

The bleak world economic outlook, the problems caused to other nations by high U.S. interest rates and signs of growing instability in the international monetary system will be pressing concerns at the meeting.

The world economic slowdown has cast a pall of gloom over the sessions of the two major lending agencies as finance ministers, central bankers and top civil servants gather here.

The meeting is being held against a background of expected low growth, continuing high inflation in many countries, and low stock-market confidence in prospects for economic recovery.

One of the major worries of almost all the 141 finance ministers due to attend is the problem of volatile and high interest rates. The Reagan administration will be left in no doubt about the serious effects that U.S. rates, now just below 20 percent, are having on allies and poor Third World countries.

funding organizations that were born at the end of World War II to revitalize a war-ravaged Europe.

His tight-money policies, which have produced lofty interest rates and volatile movements of major currencies, are under widespread attack. Third World countries are reeling beneath the burden of ever-mounting debts. A two-day meeting of Commonwealth finance ministers in the Bahamas earlier this week laid much of the blame for the bleak economic outlook on Reagan's policies.

The delegates from 44 of the Commonwealth countries agreed on the need for a rapid expansion of aid for non-oil producing developing nations, whose trade deficits will approach \$100 billion this year. A key issue at the parallel meetings of the two lending agencies will be what to do about these countries' \$280 billion in debts which have piled up over the past five years. It is now costing them \$34 billion a year just to meet interest payments.

With Western and Japanese commercial banks stretched to the limit and reluctant to provide poor countries with more loans, the Third World is looking to the IMF and World Bank for help. But the Reagan administration, backed by a conservative-minded Congress, deeply suspicious about where the money goes, is taking a hard-nosed look at how the two organizations operate.

U.S. aid stance irks Canada

OTTAWA, Sept. 25 (AP) — Canadian Finance Minister Allan Maceachen has criticized what he called U.S. reluctance to support programs that help the underdeveloped nations.

In a statement tabled at the annual meeting of Commonwealth finance ministers in the Bahamas this week and released in Ottawa Thursday, Maceachen expressed disappointment that U.S. actions will hurt a World Bank aid program.

He noted that under the current phase of the World Bank's development aid program, \$12 billion was to have been contributed to the program over a three-year period. The World Bank provides loans and other assistance to poor countries.

The U.S., however, has decided to spread its share of contributions over four years, which threatens to delay the start of the next phase of the aid program, he said.

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One of the key successes of last summer's economic summit of the major Western industrial nations, many delegates said, was U.S. agreement to discuss setting up such an energy agency. Maceachen said he is still attracted by the idea which would ease the crushing energy burden on some of the world's poorest nations.

London stock market

LONDON, Sept. 25 (R) — Renewed selling in an unwilling market caused a fall of 13.9 at 475.12 in the *Financial Times* 30 share index amid feeble technical rallies, dealers said. They said President Ronald Reagan's budget package received a lukewarm reception in Europe and did not help market sentiment. Turnover was moderate, they added.

GEC and Unilever closed 25p and 30p lower respectively among leaders, while government bonds eased up to ¼ point after an irregular trend. Gold shares were mixed but with an easier bias while North American issues closed lower.

ICI, Beecham, Glaxo, Plessey, Thorn EMI and Racal closed with losses of 12p to 19p. Lloyds Bank fell 7p to 364, but other banks gained 5p. Insurances averaged losses of 2p to 5p, but Sun Alliance fell 15p to 840p. Oils moved in line with the general trend with Shell ending 4p off at 326 having traded at a high of 334 and 8p finished jip down at 256.

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Egyptian Pound	—	3.84	4.11
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	93.00	93.13
French Franc (100)	64.00	62.00	62.00
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Knepper shines for Astros

Lee steers Expos to runaway victory

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 (AP) — Pitcher Job Knepper and Bill Lee both hit their second career home runs to lead the first-place Houston Astros and first-place Montreal Expos to National League victories Thursday night.

Lee limited Pittsburgh to six hits over 72-3 innings and Gary Carter drove in three runs as Montreal defeated the Pirates 7-1 for their fifth straight victory. Knepper, who also hit a triple, scattered five hits as Houston defeated the Atlanta Braves 5-3.

McEnroe routs Moor

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 25 (Agencies) — Top seed John McEnroe advanced to the quarterfinals of the \$200,000 Transamerica Open Tennis Tournament at the Cow Palace Thursday night by defeating Terry Moor, 5-3, 6-2.

Close fight for racing honors

MONTREAL, Sept. 25 (AFP) — The frantic chase after motor-racing's most coveted prize, the World Championship continues unabated here on Sunday with the Canadian Formula One Grand Prix.

seven games for the slumping Cardinals. In the American League, Mike Grove and Toby Harrah drilled three hits apiece and keyed a three-run seventh innings as the Cleveland Indians rallied for a 5-2 victory over the Boston Red Sox.

Tom Paciorek singled home the winning run in the 11th inning as the Seattle Mariners defeated the Texas Rangers 2-1. Mike Scioscia highlighted a five-run third inning with a three-run homer as Los Angeles defeated the San Francisco Giants 7-3, snapping a five-game losing streak for the Dodgers.

Deadly spell by Holding

KARACHI, Pakistan, Sept. 25 (AP) — West Indian fast bowler Michael Holding destroyed Pakistan's second innings to steer International Eleven to 207-run victory in the first unofficial 'Test' here at the National Stadium Thursday.

The West Indian bowler captured six wickets for 49 runs as the brittle home team batting crumbled to 124 all out in the second knock just at tea time on the fourth day of the five-day match.

Three runs later Holding lifted Ejaz Fakih to deep mid-wicket where bearded Wasim Raja took a good catch. The International Eleven were all out for 181. Mike Selvey remained not out at 26. Left-arm leg-spinner Iqbal Qasim got five international wickets for 47 and Ejaz Fakih three for 28.



George Best

Best likely to don United colors again

MANCHESTER, England, Sept. 25 (AP) — George Best Thursday was offered the chance to make an English League comeback with Manchester United, the club where the controversial soccer star enjoyed his greatest success.

George is probably better than any player in Britain today. Obviously there is a lot of talking and dealing to be done but if he can show me he is fit then I'd be a fool not to be interested. It really is an intriguing situation," Atkinson added.

did not think I could still produce the goods at that level. "I am sure I have put my troubles behind me and given a chance I believe I can prove myself at Old Trafford," he said.

East-West rift over amateurism widens

BADEN-BADEN, West Germany, Sept. 25 (AFP) — The fight over amateurism and Olympic eligibility shaped up as a showdown between the East and the West on the second day of the 11th Olympic Congress here Friday.

Socialist countries are firmly opposed to doing away with amateurism, East German Olympic Committee President Manfred Ewald said here Friday. "All proposals for commercialization and professionalism should be categorically rejected," he told the congress.

sports could become open, with professionals and amateurs competing for Olympic medals. Cross said, "This is acceptable in some sports, but in others (like boxing) it would not be practical."

Verawaty rallies from brink

LONDON, Sept. 25 (AP) — World champion Wiharjo Verawaty of Indonesia Thursday scored the first singles victory over a Chinese player in the tournament and threw the women's singles wide open at the Friends Provident Masters at the Royal Albert Hall.

her lack of big match experience, caused largely Chinese non-participation on the world circuit until this season. Verawaty saved a match point at 10-4 and another at 10-5 and then had a run of five points that took her level and left the Chinese player distinctly flustered.

Jack Nicklaus, unless this year and making his season's last appearance, had a solid no-bogey 67 that left him only two strokes off the pace. "Obviously, I played a pretty solid round of golf. I missed only two greens, hit the ball well, made a couple of putts. I played pretty well," said Nicklaus.

TEES OFF: Former U.S. President Gerald Ford tees off at the Bob Hope British Classic Thursday while the British police together with the American security keep a close look.

Hatahsky birdies last two holes for the lead

PINEHURST, North Carolina, Sept. 25 (AFP) — Morris Hatahsky managed birdies on the last two holes Thursday for a 6-under-par 65 and a one-stroke lead in the \$250,000 Hall of Fame Classic.

Denmark's Lane Koppen, world champion in 1977, All-England champion in 1979 and 1980, and winner of the Friends Provident Masters tournament for the last two years, beat South Korea's Yeon Ja Kim 11-7, 11-0 to score her first win.

He was tied with Bill Kratzert, Bob Gilder, Mark Lye and Gary Trivisono. Another stroke back at 68 were Allen Miller, Jim Booros, Scott Watkins and Tim Simpson.

Borg not to defend title

PARIS, Sept. 25 (AFP) — Bjorn Borg has decided not to defend his masters title in New York next January, a sports daily L'Equipe reported Thursday.

BRIEFS

LONDON, (AFP) — Charlie Magri, the No. 1 contender for the World Flyweight Championship, takes on Mexican Juan 'Minito' Diaz at the Royal Albert Hall on October 13.

Buenos Aires, (AFP) — Jose-Luis Cierra's preparations for next week's Davis Cup semifinal here against Britain received a setback after the world's no. 5 player sustained a bizarre injury to his racket-hand.

ALBANY, New York, (AP) — The head of an organization dedicated to opposing the U.S. tour of South Africa's Springboks rugby team says anti-apartheid protestors will do their best to snuff out the undisclosed site of Saturday's game.

BOGOTA, (R) — President Julio Cesar Turbay Ayala said Friday he was against Colombia staging the 1986 World Soccer Cup finals but added he would leave the final decision to congress.

BERN, Switzerland, (AP) — The executive committee of the European Football Union has formally approved plans for introducing a contest among European national women's soccer teams, provide that at least 12 of the 34 UEFA member associations participate.

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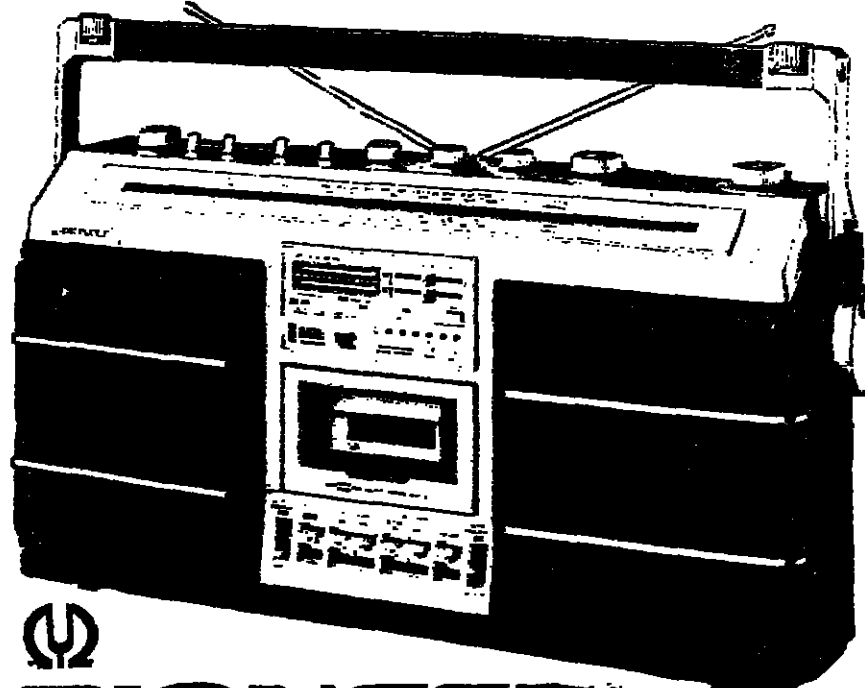
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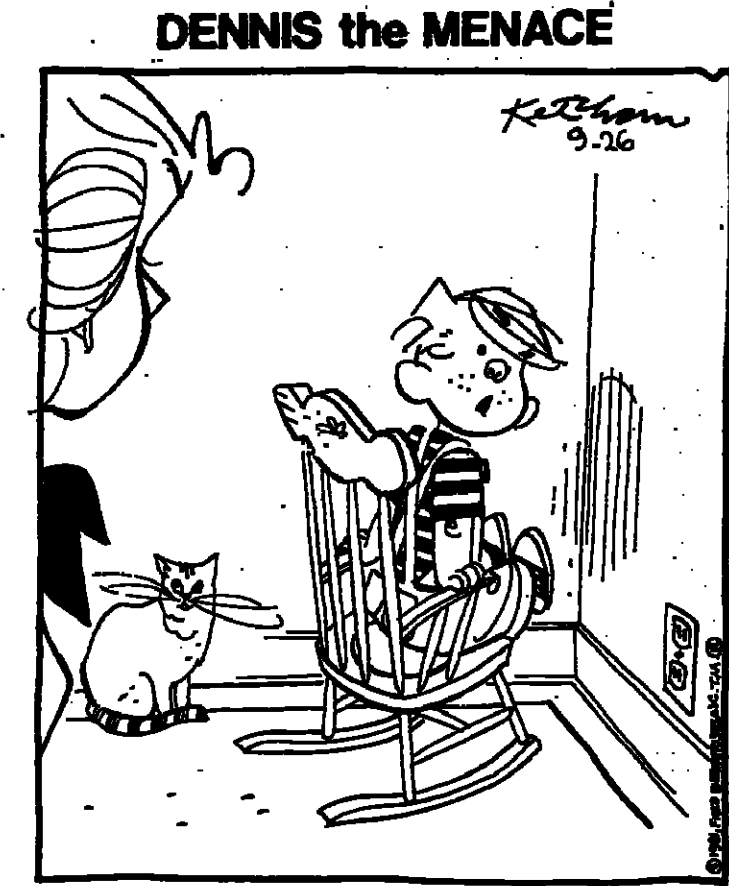
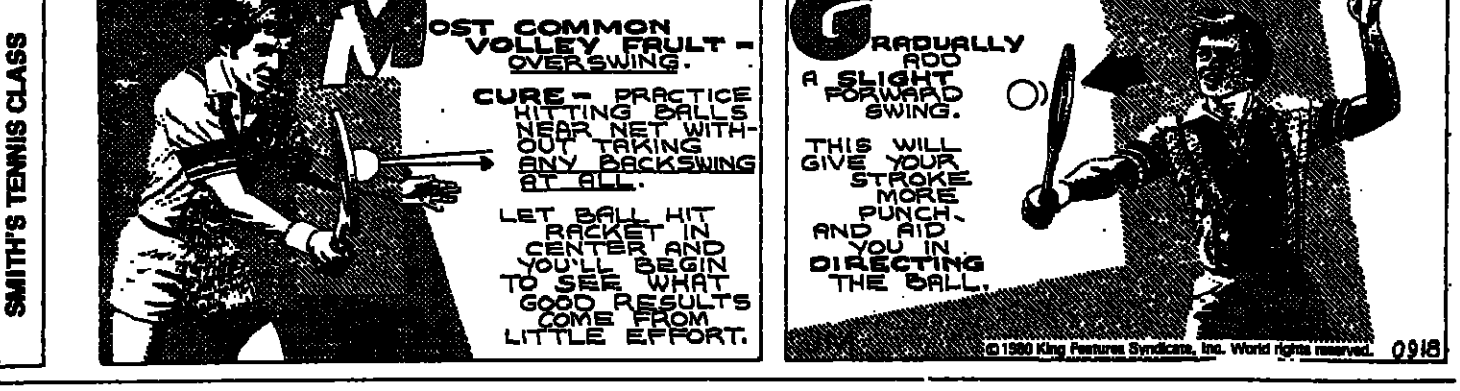
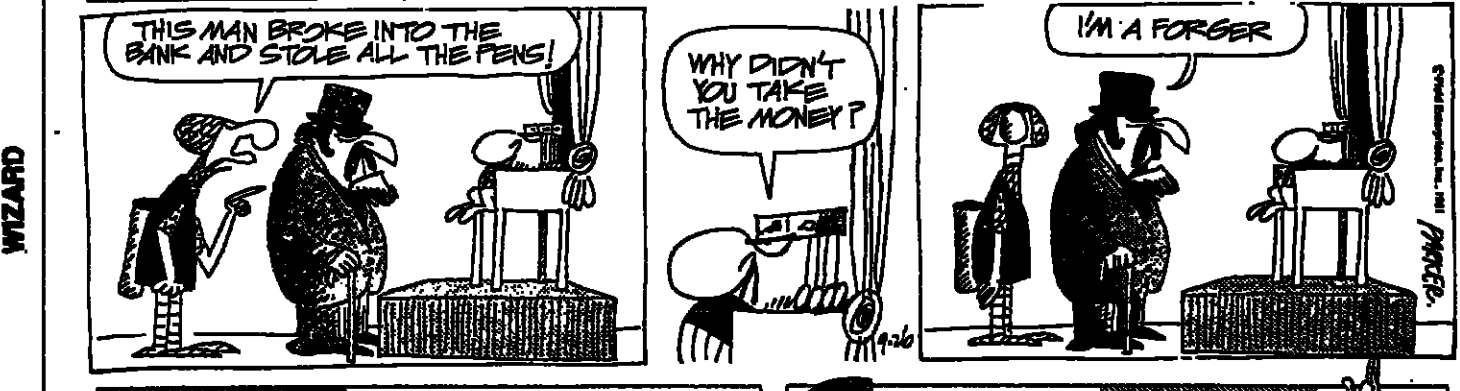
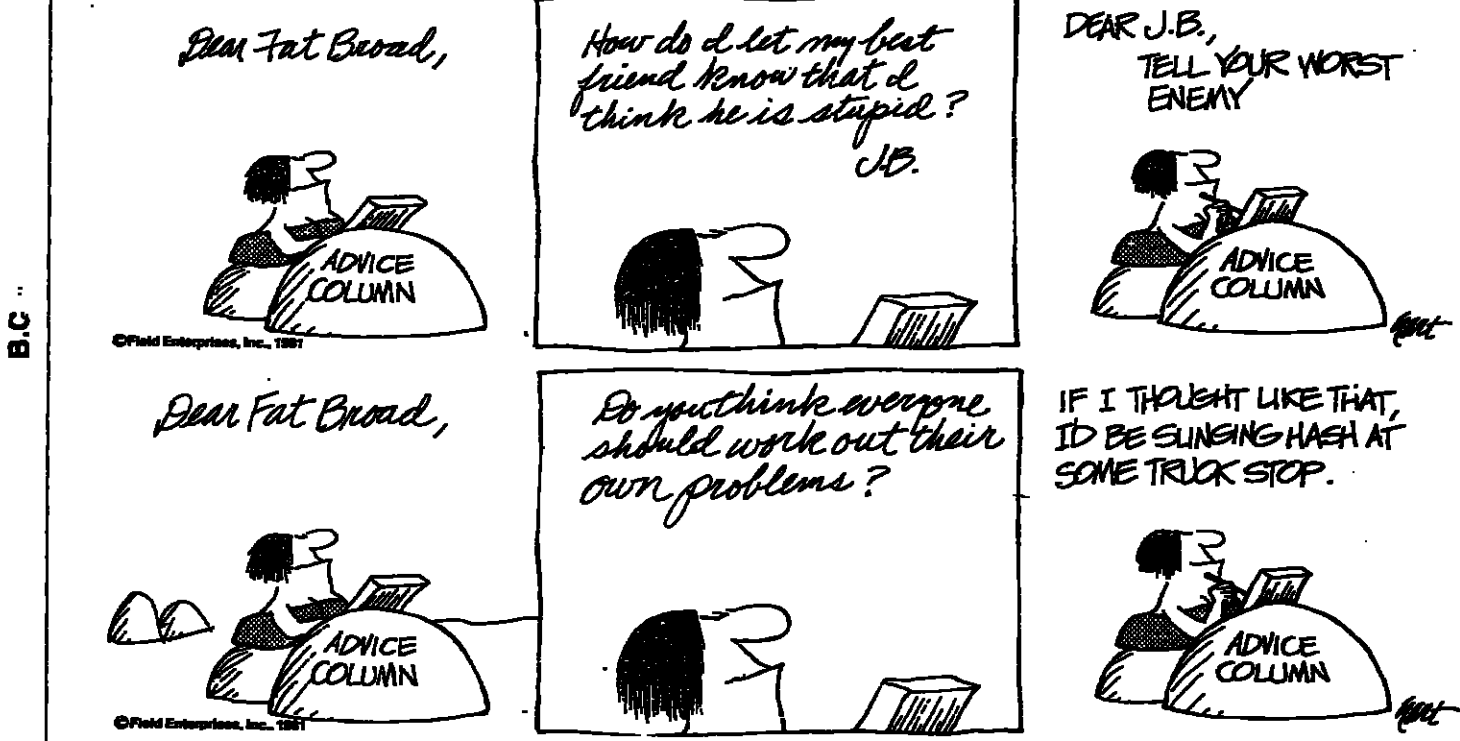
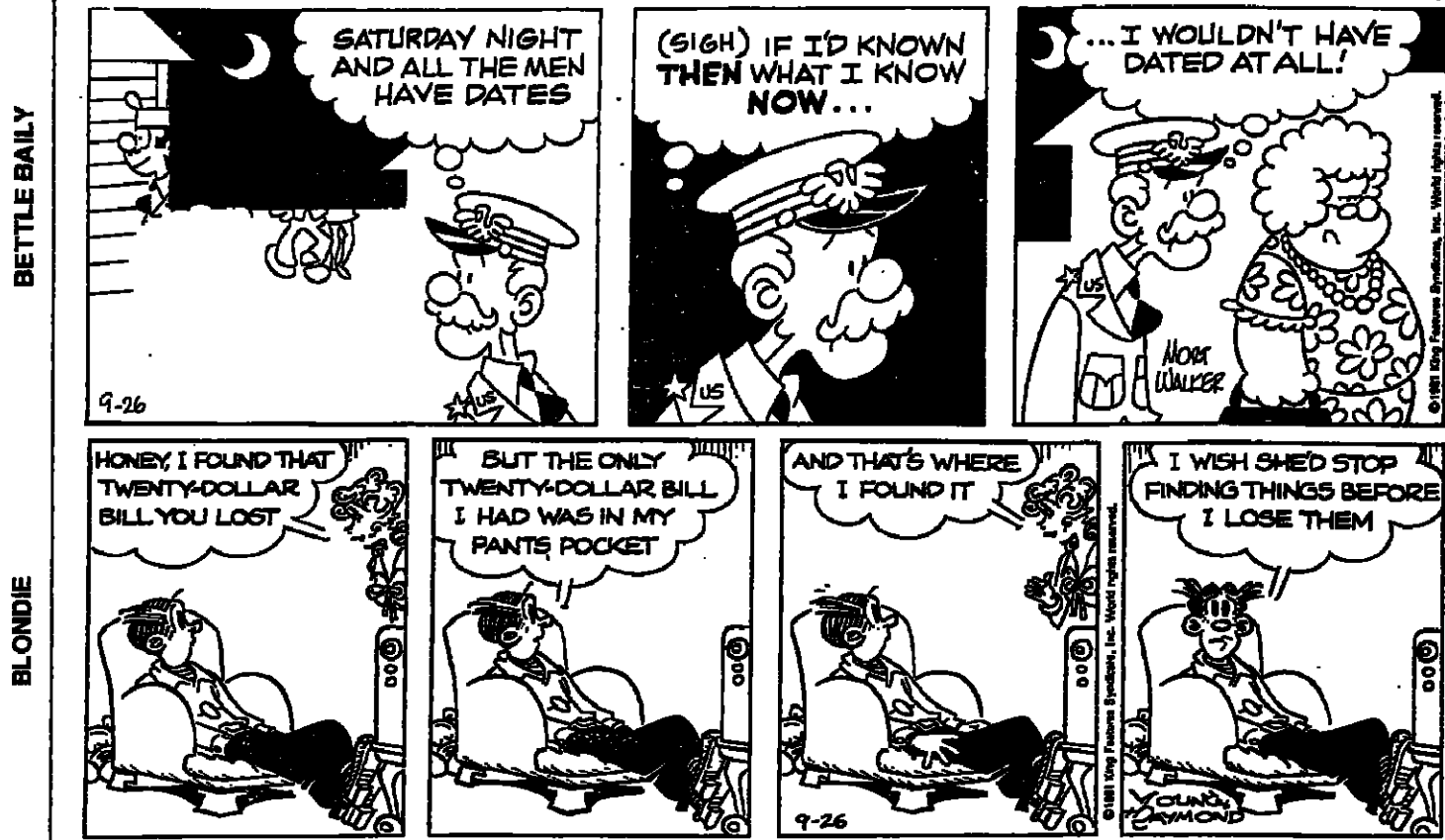
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Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
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 18 Rarin' to go
 11 Venerated
 13 Top of the -
 14 Malay Archipelago island
 15 Old note
 16 Apply make-up
 17 Tarot root
 18 Nautical rope
 20 Modern Caesar
 21 Wing
 22 Oolong or tea
 23 Building material
 26 Musical term
 28 Indian cymbals
 29 Brown kiwi
 30 Beverage
 31 "Norma" composer
 35 Crash into
 36 Pompey's greeting
 37 Sine qua -
 38 Wound slightly
 40 Argot
 41 Obstruct
 42 Former

DOWN
 43 Mush
 44 Equal
 1 Oregon city
 2 Spanish city
 3 Indian tower
 4 Nigerian city
 5 Cuba's capital
 6 "In My - Hacienda"
 7 " - blimey!"
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South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠10 4 3
 ♥K 9 4
 ♦Q 8 8 2
 ♣K J 7

EAST
 ♠6
 ♥A Q 8 7
 ♦A 10 7 6 4
 ♣Q 8 5 2

WEST
 ♠8 7 5 2
 ♥J 10
 ♦A 3
 ♣A 10 9 4 3

SOUTH
 ♠A K Q J 9
 ♥8 5 3 2
 ♦K J 5
 ♣6

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♣ Pass 1NT Pass
 2♣

Opening lead - Jack of hearts.

There is something soul-satisfying in bridge about a job well done - especially when the feat involves cooperative partnership defense.

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Take this case where West leads the Jack of hearts, which is ducked all around. It seems normal to continue with the ten, but if West does, South comes home with flying colors. At worst, he loses three hearts, a diamond and a club and makes two spades.

But when the hand was played, South went down because of exceptionally fine defense. At trick two West shifted to the ace of diamonds, and only then, at trick three, did he play the ten of hearts.

South did as well as he could when he ducked, but East cooperated with West's grand design by winning the ten with the queen and cashing the ace.

West discarded a diamond on the ace of hearts, and when East returned a diamond West was able to ruff to bring the defense its fifth trick in a row. The ace of clubs lead at trick six brought the hand to an end and South found himself duly buried with honors.

Note that the diamond ruff does not occur unless West first clears the ace of diamonds from his hand. True, this is a difficult play to come up with in the heat of battle, but this merely shows why defense is regarded as the most difficult part of the game.

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake
 FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1982

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth Sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
 You'll devote some of your leisure hours to a work project. Business and pleasure combine favorably. Romance looks promising.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
 Hobbies and recreational activities bring joy. You'll meet with romance, but curb a tendency to fantasize. Be

sincere in love.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
 You may have a strong decorating urge. Entertain at home and make important domestic decisions. The evening is slightly deceptive.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
 Local visits have romantic overtones. Artistic types enjoy increased productivity. Words could be misconstrued in late evening hours.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)

Grace your home with art objects. Shopping trips net good buys, but don't overspend in a foolish attempt to impress the neighbors.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
 You'll make a favorable impression on others. You'll have fun doing your own thing and will meet with cooperation and good will.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
 Now's the time to catch up on unfinished business. You'll enjoy a quiet day and will accomplish much for being away from the limelight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
 New contacts are helpful in business. Socialize and enjoy the camaraderie of friends. Compliments abound, but safeguard valuables.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Career interests are on your mind and you'll gain support and encouragement from others. Though you aim for the top, be realistic.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
 Travel and romance combine pleasantly. Social life may lead to helpful introductions. Cultural events stimulate your natural creativity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
 Overall financial prospects improve, but be wary of a friend's dubious proposition. Social introductions have business ramifications.

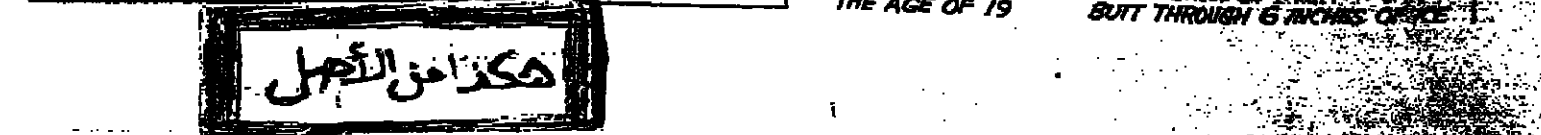
PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
 Do your part to enhance togetherness and you'll find this a rewarding day. In business, though, you will need to keep your feet on the ground.

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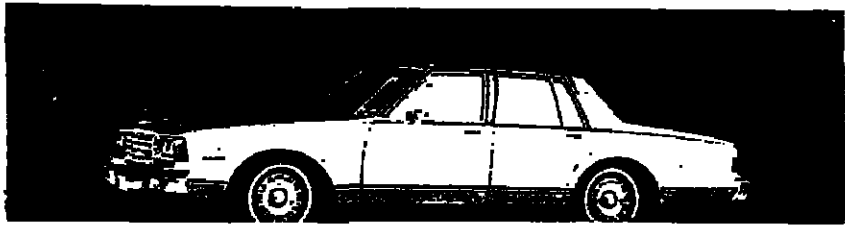
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Basic difference skirted

Arms talks to cover land-based missiles

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 25 (Agencies) — The United States and the Soviet Union have agreed to start negotiations on limiting nuclear weapons in Europe but they carefully skirted around a basic difference on the scope of the talks.

The United States wants the negotiations confined to medium range land-based missiles, but the Soviets have said they should also include the U.S. strategic aircraft and submarines based in Europe. It was this con-

flict which prevented progress in preliminary talks on European nuclear arms held in Geneva last October.

The new negotiations, to start in Geneva on Nov. 30, were announced Thursday after a four-hour meeting between Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko Wednesday.

A joint statement said the two men exchanged views on arms control involving "those nuclear arms which were earlier discussed" in Geneva.

Soldiers tell Soviet tale of Afghan war

ALLAH JURGA, Afghanistan, Sept. 25 (AFP) — Two Soviet soldiers captured by Afghan Mujahideen in June said they were led to believe Chinese troops were occupying half of Afghanistan when their units were sent in to aid the Babrak Karmal regime, fighting local resistance.

State Department spokesman Dean Fischer said it was understood both sides were talking about medium range land-based forces, the so-called theater nuclear forces (TNF). But when it was pointed out that Gromyko had said in a United Nations speech Tuesday that TNF and U.S. forward-based systems should be dealt with concurrently, Fischer said: "Obviously I can't speak for the Soviet side, but we are talking about TNF."

The European allies of the United States have long pressed for negotiations on limiting theater nuclear forces. The United States agreed to seek negotiations as part of an arrangement under which 572 U.S. Pershing II and Cruise missiles would be deployed in Europe, starting in 1983.

Sgt. Yuri Grigorovich Povarnitsin and Pvt. Muhammad Yazkuliev Kuli, both 19, said that many Soviet recruits, unprepared for the war waged by Islamic fighters opposed to the Soviet-backed Afghan regime, were angry but could not protest openly due to severe sanctions for insubordination.

The new missiles would be designed to counter a Soviet buildup of SS-20 missiles facing Western Europe. Gromyko reiterated a Soviet proposal for a moratorium on deploying missiles, but the United States has rejected any moratorium that left the Soviet SS-20s in place.

"In Tashkent, the officers told us that we were going to fight against counterrevolutionary bandits trained in Pakistan and China. "When we arrived, we were told that we could trust the Afghan Army but would be killed if we left the unit to go into town alone. During the first week, our officers took us on tours of Kabul, then the boredom set in."

In Bonn, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt Thursday hailed the forthcoming U.S.-Soviet missile negotiations as "a success for West German policies". Schmidt was commenting in a television interview here.

He said the soldiers spent most of the day lying around. Only the officers could get drinks, and many enlisted men turned to hashish. "I was offered hashish twice," he acknowledged. "It allows you to forget where you are." Sgt. Povarnitsin worked driving a tractor at a collective farm in the Urals, when he was drafted.

He said he was the first to raise warnings about medium-range nuclear missiles in 1977, and that both he and his Foreign Minister Hans-Dierich Genscher discussed the problem with Soviet leaders during their visits to Moscow in 1980.

India strikes offshore oil

NEW DELHI, Sept. 25 (AP) — The Indian government Friday reported its second offshore oil find in three weeks, the latest in the Bay of Bengal.

of French oil and Iraq 23.27 percent. In the same period this year, the Kingdom's total rose to 50.98 percent with Iraq dropping to just over three percent.

In Paris, Israeli opposition leader Shimon Peres welcomed the policy of France's new administration toward Israel and the Arabs as constructive and conducive peace in the Middle East. Mitterrand told a press conference Thursday France wanted to see a Palestinian homeland but would reject any moves that could threaten Israel's independence.

An official spokesman said that the new oil producing area was located off the delta of the Cauvery River 300 kilometers south of Madras. He said it was producing at least 1,500 barrels of fuel every day. The oil-rich area covers about 50 square kilometers and fuel production could increase with the spudding of more wells, the officials added.

Before lunching with Mitterrand together with other members of the Socialist International, Peres told newsmen that his party agreed with the French president's position on the Middle East "except his attitude regarding a Palestinian state."

He said: "This policy is constructive and conducive to peace in the Middle East. We agreed on most points except on the creation of a Palestinian state."

Cheysson's speech two days ago before the United Nations General Assembly in New York, in which he reasserted France's belief that the Palestinians have a right to a "homeland and a state", could only further improve France's position, sources said.

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Speaking to reporters after an hour-long meeting with Mitterrand Friday, Arab League Secretary General Chadi Klibi said the fact that the French president enjoys the confidence of both the Israelis and the Arabs puts France in a position that may be useful. He said he and Mitterrand talked at length about the Palestine Liberation Organization and he said the PLO was hopeful about a possible French role in the Middle East. Klibi said Mitterrand asked to meet with him again in November.

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International In opinion polls

Healey gains over Benn

LONDON, Sept. 25 (R) — Opinion polls Friday predicted Denis Healey would defeat left-winger Tony Benn for the deputy leadership of Britain's divided Labor Party Sunday. The vote will decide the future course of the opposition party after months of acrimony between its right and left-wings. Four polls published in newspapers put Healey, a former finance and defense minister, well ahead in popular preference.



Denis Healey

The bookmakers Ladbroke's also made Healey the favorite, Benn an even money chance, and the third challenger, John Silkin, a long-odds outsider. Benn's mounting share of union block votes still made it a neck-and-neck race, however.

strikes contributed to the defeat of the government in a general election the following year that made Conservative leader Margaret Thatcher Britain's first woman prime minister. Benn, 56, is a wealthy former peer who renounced his title to take on the role of champion of the working classes. He earned a reputation for dynamism and energy when he served as a minister in the 1960s.

The election in Brighton, at the start of Labor's annual conference, will be a watershed for the party which has governed Britain for 17 of the last 36 years. It is likely to determine whether Labor, formed in 1900 as the political arm of the trades union movement, will cling to its tradition of moderate reform or back Benn's more radical socialism.

Most of Britain's national press supports Healey in his battle to hold on to the deputy leadership, a vital springboard for his wider ambition of eventually leading the party. Former Prime Minister James Callaghan has suggested the Labor Party might lose the next general election, due by May 1984, if Benn won the deputy leadership.

All four newspaper polls showed Healey leading as the first choice of between 61 and 46 percent of those questioned, while Benn was preferred by between 25 and 14 percent and Silkin trailed with between 12 and one percent.

Healey, 64, stands at the center-right of the party. He became fair game for left-wing militants when as Chancellor of the exchequer in the last Labor government, he urged trades unions to accept a maximum five percent pay increase in return for a tax cut.

U.S. Senate favors aid cut if Salvador ignores rights

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (AFP) — The United States Senate has voted in favor of suspending American military aid to El Salvador if human rights violations continued in the country.

U.S. opinion which is uneasy about granting aid to a regime whose army has a reputation for harsh political exactions. Throughout his visit Duarte has also been at pains to dissociate himself from extremism on the right no less than on the left, holding both responsible for the present violence in El Salvador.

An amendment to the foreign aid bill had been passed Wednesday by the Senate by 54 votes to 42 despite opposition from President Ronald Reagan and the personal intervention at Congress by visiting Salvador President Jose Napoleon Duarte.

In the same way, he repeatedly called for negotiations with the leftists in El Salvador, urging that they take part in elections to resolve the political crisis. Speaking before the Organization of American States Wednesday, he even pledged his "life and honor" to stand behind such a solution.

Thursday the Senate confirmed this decision by throwing out — by 51 votes to 47 an amendment presented by Republican senators Richard Lugar and Jesse Helms seeking to modify Wednesday's vote.

He also advocated that foreign observers be brought in to monitor elections — a proposal which has brought an offer from the State Department statement to the effect that the United States is ready to join with other countries, among them Mexico, in lending its good offices to achieve a political settlement in El Salvador. On the other hand, Duarte's personal intervention in Congress in favor of further aid to El Salvador was less effective.

He opened the visit on a disarming note by confiding in an interview Sunday that he had not come to seek additional U.S. aid — a claim he has reiterated often since then. At a White House meeting the following day with President Reagan and Vice President George Bush he came out with another winning disclosure: The axing of 610 members of his National Guard, some 60 of whom would be standing trial.

As the Washington visit came to a close, Duarte Friday seemed to have gone some way at least toward convincing Americans that he is genuinely intent on a political solution in El Salvador, with his talk of an army purge and his call for national elections. Duarte's next stop is California with its large Salvadoran immigrant community. On Tuesday he is scheduled to address the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

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Carlucci reveals Soviets using Viet army facilities

BANGKOK, Sept. 25 (AFP) — The Soviet Union now has access to Vietnamese military facilities which have given the Soviets new influence in the Pacific, U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense Frank Carlucci said here Friday.

over the Pacific," he said. "It has clearly given them a reach they never had before," said the U.S. official, who arrived here from the Philippines and left Friday for Japan and South Korea.

Carlucci, on a visit to four U.S. allies in Asia, said the Soviet Union was using the former U.S. bases at Cam Ranh Bay and Danang for refueling, logistics and probably intelligence gathering.

Carlucci said he was unaware of any lingering Vietnamese resistance to Soviet access to the facilities, which he said were apparently granted in exchange for Soviet support during Vietnam's invasion of Cambodia. He said the Soviet Union had "perfected the technique of acting through proxies" and referred to Vietnam and Cuba by name.

"I would be very surprised indeed if the Soviets were using Danang and Cam Ranh Bay as heavily as they are using them and not have some intelligence capability there," he told a news conference. Carlucci, the No. 2 man in the Pentagon, said the use of Cam Ranh Bay enabled the Soviets to project their naval might into both the South Pacific and the Indian Ocean.

In written opening remarks, the U.S. official said he had reaffirmed, in a meeting with Thai Premier Prem Tinsulanonda, the U.S. commitment to Thailand's security under the 1954 Manila Pact. He said the United States was supplying "moral and political support" but no military assistance, to the non-Communist Cambodian groups opposed to Vietnam's conquest of Cambodia.

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Polish labor given share in industry management

WARSAW, Sept. 25 (R) — The Polish Sejm (parliament) voted Friday to give both workers and the state a share in industrial appointments and policy. But the vote, which would end the Communist Party's monopoly over industrial policy, could be challenged by the Solidarity free trade union, whose congress had demanded more radical measures.

Solidarity's *Prace* newspaper said worker resolutions on the crisis continued to pour in from across the country. One, from workers in a synthetic fiber factory in Jelenia Gora, compared the situation to that in Hungary in 1956 and Czechoslovakia in 1968 before Soviet intervention. It called for an end to "the inflammatory propaganda campaign" and for constructive actions acceptable to the entire nation.

The 460-member Sejm unanimously passed two bills on worker self-management and the administration of state enterprises, in accordance with compromise formulate hastily hammered out before the second round of the union congress begins Saturday. But Solidarity negotiators who worked on the compromise said the congress could still vote to boycott the laws in line with earlier threats.

Unionists at a delivery van factory in Nysa protested the warnings by the Communist authorities and said they supported the moderate stand of Poland's Roman Catholic bishops. "The politburo statement has only caused unnecessary tensions," their resolution said.

Solidarity and the Communist authorities have been at loggerheads for months over who has the right to hire and fire industry chiefs. The union passed a resolution during the first stage of its congress threatening to boycott the government bill unless the Sejm first held a referendum on the issue. Solidarity's national executive later accepted a compromise version following an unprecedented propaganda blitz from all corners of the Soviet bloc.

Brain saved despite rod piercing head

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 25 (AP) — Michael Melnick says some doctors who examined him "shake their heads in amazement" when they discover that the steel rod that pierced his head in a construction accident left him without major brain damage.

Communist Party deputy Adam Lopatka, who tabled the bill on self-government, said it upheld the principle that a factory director could not be appointed or dismissed without approval of both the state and workers' councils.

Melnick, a 29-year-old carpenter, said doctors cannot figure out how the steel bar went into his head at the base of the neck and came out between the eyes without causing any damage to his eyes, brain, spinal column or key arteries.

Workers have thereby gained the right of veto in large parts of industry where the party formerly held supreme authority. The state, or party, will retain control of appointments and policy only in key and strategic sectors, in accordance with a list of enterprises still to be decided.

Melnick was working on the construction of a Meibohm house seven months ago when he fell 10 feet from the second floor. When he landed and tried to pull his head up, he found he couldn't, he recalled in a recent interview.

Solidarity's Warsaw branch said Friday that one of Poland's leading dissidents, Jacek Kuron, had been largely instrumental in persuading the national executive to compromise from its original stand that all appointments be made by workers. But some powerful branches of the union, including Lodz and Plock, had criticized their executive.

Other workmen — including his father — came rushing up, crying with horror, "Oh, No!" said "Oh, my God!"

All members of the union's executive, including chairman Lech Walesa, will be standing for election during the second part of the congress which could prove decisive for the future of the trade union experiment in the Soviet bloc. Solidarity has been told by the authorities to stay out of politics, drop its dissident allies and come out firmly in favor of communism and Poland's Soviet bloc alliance.

Melnick said that was when he realized his head was stuck on a steel reinforcing bar, five-eighths of an inch thick. Six inches of the rough-surfaced bar protruded from his face. "When I finally realized what had happened to me my heart just dropped," he recalled.

The hard-line Communist newspaper *Rzeczpospolita* published a list of dissidents and Solidarity radicals which it wants dropped from the union movement. They included Zbigniew Bujak, the head of Solidarity's powerful Warsaw branch, and Jap Rulewski, the Solidarity chief in Bydgoszcz.

As his father, Alexander, also a carpenter, and other workers tried to make him comfortable until medical help arrived, Melnick said he felt "sure I was going to die."

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